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RG 104 RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF THE MINT

Records of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia
Correspondence

LETTERS SENT BY THE DIRECTOR AND THE SUPERINDENTENT OF THE MINT, 1866-1900

Sept. 30, 1878 - Mar. 3, 1879

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U. S. MINT

LETTERS

No 26

From Decm 31st 1878

To Feby 9th 1879.

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Dec 31 8

Sir,

I herewith transmit to your office for payment, bill in duplicate, of A. S. Tomkinson, No. 728 Arch Street Philadelphia, amounting to $15.95, for six dozen flat bottomed mattresses forwarded to the Mint at Carson, by the Adams Express Company, on Saturday the 28th of December inst, upon a requisition from Capt Crawford, dated Sept 9, 1878, a copy of which I herewith enclose.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint,

Dec 31 8

Sir

In compliance with your requisition of the 9th of September last, I forwarded to you by the Adams Express Co, on Saturday, the 28th of December, ~~six~~ twelve flat bottomed mattresses, per sample furnished, and, as requested by you, have to day forwarded the bill of Mr. Compliment, No. 128 Arch Street, Phila, for the sum of $16.00, to the Director of the Mint at Washington, for payment.

Very Respectfully

James Crawford Jr
Asst Mint U. S.
Cameron.
Esq

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Dep

Dec 31 8

Sir:

I herewith forward Coiners Yearly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for year ending December 31, 1878. Also, Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed for month ending December 31, 1878.

Very Respectfully

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Supt

Hon.
W. R. Leadsmon
Director of the Mint
Washington
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Jas. Rush

Dec 8/ 8

Sir,

The two packages of gold bullion No 80 and 81, by registered mail on Government account, specified in your letter and schedule of the 6th inst, have been received.

Do me the kindness to mail one of your blank schedules, as a ~~form~~ form, to R. B. Harrison, Esq Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office, at Helena, Montana, and add the suggestion, from me, that they should be printed on half sheets of foolscap, the table reaching further up and down the page.

Very Respectfully

Jas Breech
Supt

R. Silver, Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver Col

P. S. - Over

Also please mail one, with the same suggestions, to the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho.

J. P.

Dec 31 8

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result,

Gold.	$1,260,866.66
Silver.	2,069,877.45
Refining & Parting a/c.	388.76
Ordinary a/c & regular	9,496.45
Minor Coinage a/c.	52,568.99
" Coins Exchanged.	5,296.67
" " Pieces.	18,183.00
" Coinage Redemption.	217,305.94
Total	$3,627,186

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination

into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 31 8

Sir

I herewith transmit statement of silver purchased at this Mint for the week ending December 28, 1878.

Very Respectfully

Geo. E. Preston

Supt

Hon

B. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

January 2 1879

The following report by the Assayer of the New York Assay Office, of the assay of test coins issued at this Mint in November and December 1878, have been handed to the Assayer, Coiner, and Melter & Refiner.

Denomination.	Weight	Gold.	Silver
	Grs. Dec.		
November 1878			
Double Eagle	516.2	900.	4
Half "	128.9	900.	3
Three Dollar	77.45	899.9	2
Quarter Eagle	64.45	900.	6
Silver Dollar	412.7	Trace	899.8
December 1878			
Double Eagle	515.92	900.1	4
Quarter "	64.47	900.	4
One Dollar	28.9	900.	4
Silver Dollar	412.92	Trace	899.4

James Pollock
Supt

Jany 2 9

Sir

Your letter of Dec 30. has been received.

The Mint will buy your Mexican dollars as bullion, and after melting and assay, pay you in standard silver dollars for the silver they contain, at the rate of 108 cents per ounce fine, allowing paying freight both ways, which would be nearly 84½ cents for a Mexican dollar of full weight, 416½ grains, 900 fine, exclusive of freight.

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock
Dir

Mr.
Danl Strauss.
Chattanooga
Tenn.

Mary 2 9

Sir.

I am obliged to make a special requisition upon the Department for two (2) reams white paper, identical with the inclosed sample.

The paper is needed soon for special use in the Coiners department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Jany 2 0

Sir

I herewith forward Synopsis of Engineers Ops of this Bureau for the month ending December 31. 1848.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 2 9

Sir

Your remittance, dated 31. by Express, of 2,166.45 grains fine gold, and 2,601.11 grains fine silver, specified in your letter of that date, in fragments from the coins from this Mint for the months of October, November and December 1878, assayed at your Office, has been received.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. W. Hunter, Asst
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Jany 2 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit my requisition of this date for the sum of $20,000. for the service of this Mint for the present month, January, 1879, out of the following current appropriations, viz.

Salaries	$1,000.
Wages	28,000.
Incidentals	1,000.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 29

Sir

Your letter of Dec 25th has been received.

Returns for your Mexican dollars, amounting to $1184 in standard silver dollars were sent to you by Express on the 10th of December. The Mint does not receive Mexican dollars as coin, but buys the fine silver they contain, as bullion.

Very Respectfully

Jno Rowan
Supt

Mr.
James Norton,
Dubuque
Iowa,

Jany 2 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 1701, Dec. 30. & 7, 18, 97, the coin value of the gold bullion specified, from the Mint at Denver, by registered mail on Government account.

Very Respectfully

Geo. Roesch
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 2 9

Sir:

I herewith transmit memorandum No. 1701, 17.181.97, the coin value of gold bullion, by registered mail, on Government account, packages No. 71 to 79 inclusive, specified in your letter and schedule of December 21, ultimo.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pulsch

Supt

Hon. Silver, Dir
Treasurer in charge
U. S. Mint
Denver
Col

Jany 25th 7

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 30th ult. asking for a statement of the Balance of Profit on hand on the Coinage of Std Silver Dollars, I have to state that I estimate that the sum of $75,000. might be transferred.

With the large amount of Silver on hand uncoined, and such as had been coined being taken indiscriminately from a stock costing a great variety of prices, you will see how difficult it must be to approximate

Obedly to the facts.

Very Respectfully

Jas Wood

Supt

Hon H. R. Lundenna

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Mint 25

Gentlemen

I enclose Your Check No. 7109 to your order for Twelve thou Dlls. five hundred & forty four 50 ($12,544 50) Net Silver Dollars in payt. for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.00 per oz. fine.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Conde
Cors of the Bank of New York
New York

Jany 2d 9

Gentlemen.

I forward this day to the Bank of New York Check No. 7109 to your order for $12.544.50 in payt. for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas. D. Weeks
Supt.

Messrs. Hande & Smith
24 Nassau St.
New York

Jany 20 7

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 7009 to the order of Handy & Crowse for $12.544.50 in payt. for Silver Bullion

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pugh
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

Jany 2 8

Sir

I herewith forward

1. Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged during the month ending December 31. 1878.

2. For the Secretary of the Treasury Statement of Minor Coinage Operations during the same month.

Very Respectfully

Jos Pollock

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

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J. B. Colgate & Co

New York

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Jany 3 9

Sir

I have this morning received from the Director of the Mint at Washington, dec. your letter of Dec 23.

The small bag of specimens, and "gold dust" in a quill, was received here Dec 27 but there being nothing on, or in it, to show whence it came from, or to whom it belonged, I have held it until now. I will have it examined by our Assayer, and report the result to you. If it should be advisable to make an assay, the charge will be five dollars

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr

Wm J. Morrison

Morgantown, Ind.

Jany 9

Sir,

The 22 packages of gold bullion, by registered mail on government account Nos 82 to 103 inclusive, $20,895.07, specified in your letter and schedule of Dec 27, will have been received

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

W. Silver Esq
Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint
Denver
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Jany 3 9

Sir.

I have your letter of the 2d inst, advising me of the purchase of 240,000 ozs fine silver from Messrs Hardy & Ironside, and four other parties in New York at 108 9/- to 108 9/ cents per ounce payable as usual.

If you have not already done so, I have to request that you will supply blank invoices by next mail to Laidlaw & Co, J. B. Colgate & Co, Molter & Davenport and J. & W. Seligman & Co.

Very Respectfully
Yours
Jno. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Jany 3 8.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of Dec. 31st has been received.

The first dies for the new silver dollar were somewhat defective on account of the extreme and most unusual haste with which they had to be prepared to get out the new dollar in time to satisfy the impatient public expectations. The dies were afterwards touched up and modified in some of the minor details, hence the difference you notice, but which do not affect the integrity of the coins.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ruth

Director

Mr.

J. B. Russell, Esq.

Champaign, Ills.

Jany 3 9

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 30th of Dec. was duly received, and I noted with satisfaction your assurance with regard to the character and transmission of future invoices. But I regret to be obliged to report now that your informal invoice of the 22 inst, received this morning, is seriously defective and objectionable in that it embraces two shipments, on account of different purchases, at different rates, without anything in the invoices to indicate either fact to the Weigh clerk, and but for the vigilance of the Bank teller, both shipments would have

been mixed together and paid for at one price, instead of being kept separate and paid for at different rates. Your letter of transmission of the 22 inst, merely mentioned the amount of the purchases to which the shipments belonged, a mere hint for our guidance, instead of a definite statement. The invoice by mail should be complete in itself, and when placed in the hands of the Weigh Clerk, be an absolutely full and correct guide for him in disposing of the bullion, and making up his records, without any guess work on the part of any bragbond, or any "drotting" on the part of the Book-keeper. The invoice by mail, hereafter, must state the date of the purchase, and the rate per ounce,

as well as the number and weight of the bars. You must bear in mind that you are not the only persons from whom we receive silver. We frequently have from four to six or more consignments of silver, for the Government at one time by the same arrival, and a account of several different purchases of different dates and at different rates, and you can readily understand the confusion and annoyance arising from any want of detailed and accurate information with regard to them.

I trust you will relieve me from the necessity of any further correspondence on this subject.

Very Respectfully,

J. A. Pelloch

Messrs.
Handy & Cromise,
New York.

Telegram

Jany 8. 1879

To Molton & Davenport
New York.

Check will be mailed to-day.

Jas. Powell
Supt Mint.

Jany 9

Sir,

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 1712, Dec. 31. 1878, $1,708.19, the coin value of gold bullion from the Mint at Denver, by registered mail, on Government account.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Brown
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 9

Sir,

I herewith transmit Memorandums No. 1712, & 1707-17, the coin value of two packages of gold bullion No. 80 and 81, by registered mail on Government account specified in your letter and schedule of Dec. 26 ultimo.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pawel
Supt

A. Silver, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

July 3d 9

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 9 to your order for Eleven thousand and one hundred and nine 11 (11.109.11) Nd Silver Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ 1.29 18 per oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pugh
Treasr.

Messrs. Walton & Davenport
No. 9 Wall St.
New York

Jany 3d 9

Sir.

I drew this day Check No. 710 to the order of Molton & Davenport, for $18.109 11 in payt for Schr's Bullion

Very Respectfully

Jas. Polock

Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse

Asst. Treas. N.Y.

New York

Jany 30th 9

Molton & Dann

Port, New York

26th ult.

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Charged 1.11.22

Jas Stark

Jany 3 9

Sir

I herewith transmit to you a Warrant for $80.9.2 on account of Rations, Refining and Bar Charges.

Respectfully
Jas Ewell
Supt

Hon
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 4 9

Mattie E. M. Russell.
Farmington.
Conn.

Your letter of the 19th inst. has been received.

Our rule is to make returns for Mexican dollars on the third day after they are received, but it is sometimes a day or two longer, if Sunday or a holiday intervenes. How long it would take for the Stamars dollars to reach you, after they were delivered to the Adams Express Company here, I do not know.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Poole
Supt

Jany 4 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 31st of December, will has been received.

U. S. dollars of 1795 and not scarce, and, unless in very fine condition, are not worth more than their intrinsic value. The Mint cabinet is supplied with that coin, and therefore we do not wish to purchase.

For more particular information, show it to a coin dealer or collector.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Dir

Mr
A. H. Stratton.
Memphis
Tenn.

Jany 3rd

Sir

Your letter of Dec 31st, enclosing a small gold chain, and requesting me to send you its value in currency or P.O. order, by return mail, has been received.

The Mint does not do business in that way. You will see by the enclosed circular that we do not receive deposits of less value than one hundred dollars, and that we do not remit in currency or P.O. order, or by check or draft.

Let me know by return mail what disposition I shall make of your chain.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Ferguson
Supt

Mr. H. L. B. Wall.
Sumter, S.C.

Jany 4 9

Sir,

I herewith forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending Jany 4. 1879.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 4 9

Sir

Your letter of the 16th of Dec. with regard to a refund of $17.35 express charges paid on 850 oz. nickels from this Mint, has been received.

You will please send me duplicate receipted bills after the enclosed form, taking care to have names and dates correct; and also sign the receipt at the bottom of the enclosed warrant, leaving the date blank, and return it to me, with directions how to send you the money. The Mint has no facilities for remitting by check or draft.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

E. T. Knight, Esq
1st Nat Bank,
Helena, Mont.

January 8

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the following dies were used in the coinage of 1877, viz.

Gold

Denomination.	Obverse	Reverse
Double Eagle	25	52
Eagles	4	4
Half Eagles	5	4
Three Dollars	2	3
Quarter Eagles	6	7
One Dollar	1	1
Total.	43	51

Silver

Dollars	128	129
Half Dollars	20	17
Quarter Dollars	35	37

Dimes	19 Ob.	25 Rev
Total.	197	208

Minor Coinage.

Five cent	—	5
Three cent	1	3
One cent	32	45
Total	33	53

Recapitulation.	Gold.	Silver	Minor	Total
Obverse.	44	197	33	274
Reverse.	51	208	53	312
Total.	95	405	86	586

This number agrees with the number reported by the Engraver as delivered to the Coiner during the year 1878.

All of these dies were destroyed by the use of the forge and sledge, in the presence of the Superintendent and the Engraver, in accordance with

the provisions of Section 3550 Revised Statutes, with the exception of the following Reverse dies, which were redelivered to the Coiner, for use during 1879. Viz.

Eagle	1
Dime	14
Five Cent Nickel	5
Three " "	3
One " Bronze	2
Total	25

Very Respectfully

J. A. Reach
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 11th 9

Handy & Conde

New York

18th inst 8

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Jas Rush

Jany 4th 9

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 7111 to your order for Thirty five thousand (35,000) Standard Silver Dollars, payment for o/c Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.2897 per oz fine.

Although I have a duplicate Invoice from the Messrs Baltach & Co., complete in all its details excepting that it is not signed by them, I am without any authentic information from you that you authorized the shipment on o/c. of your sale to the Government. In future, you

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will please inform me by letter when you have contracted with the Government for the Sale of Silver, giving me the date of contract, price, amount Sold and whether Shipped by yourselves or another Party. Prompt returns will depend upon your willingness to comply with this reasonable request.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs Laidlaw & Co
No. 12 Pine St.
New York.

Jany 11th 9

Gentlemen.

Inclosed Check No. 7012 to your order for Twenty Seven thousand (27,000) Std. Silver Dollars, payment on a/c. Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ 1.0277 per Oz. fine.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pryor
Cashr

Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co.
102 Wall St.
New York

Jany 22nd 8

Gentlemen,

I enclose Set Check No. 7113 to your order for Forty Seven Thousand eight hundred and ninety nine 00/100 Mex. Silver Dollars in payment for Mex. Silver Bullion delivered to date.

Very Respectfully
J. Ryan
Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Conde
Care of
Bank of New York
New York City

Jany 11th 9

Gentlemen.

I transmit this day to the Bank of New York Check No. 403 to your order for $4,839.04 in Pay't for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Poyard
Supt.

Messrs Handy & Comide
24 Nassau St
New York

Jany 11th 9

Sir

I draw this day Check No.
7111 favor Lanslaw & Co. for $35,000.
7112 " J. B. Colgate & Co. " 27,000.
7113 " Handy & Cornde. " 47,879.04
in payment for Silver Bullion

Very Respectfully
Jas Pecock
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Jany 4th 9

Gentlemen,

Your invoice of the 3rd inst of Silver bar received this morning on account of your Sale of the 2nd inst to the Director of the Mint, comes to me so blurred and obliterated from your taking a letter press copy of it, that most of the figures were so illegible that they had to be verified and re-marked by the bars instead of identifying the bars by the invoice.

I cannot continue to do business in this way. The invoice is the only document by which the Weigh Clerk is guided in identifying and disposing of the bullion and making up his records, and every figure should be so clear, distinct and accurate that there can be no room for mistake or misapprehension.

Hancoft.

Hereafter, if any illegible or incorrect invoice is sent me I shall hold the bars and delay remittance until a proper invoice is received.

Yours respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Messrs J. B. Colgate & Co
New York

January 4th 9

Sir:

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day, is 5.357.289.26 Std Ounces.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pourie
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Leiderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

90.000 lb Gross ounces (approximately) on hand & still un-assayed - not included in above report.

J. W. Pourie
Supt

Jany 4 9

Sir

You verbally promised to furnish good coin bags (paper) in place of the defective bags now on hand, and which are not fit for our purposes, but as yet been complied with. The business of the Mint is suffering for want of them. Will you please give the matter your immediate attention, or shall I report to the Treasury Department for a better supply.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Dir

Mr
E. D. Lockwood
No 205 So 3 St
Phila.

Jany 6 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 8 ult has been received

There are no public lands (so called) for sale or distribution, only in open settlements, and subject to the control of Congress. The theory under which they are held

Very Truly

Yours

W. O. Watson Esq
Charlottsville,
Va

Jany 6 9

Sir

Your letter of the 5th inst has been received.

We do not as a general rule, receive deposits of less value than $10, but under the peculiar circumstances, I am willing, as a special accommodation, to receive your $4.4, damaged gold coins, and return you the net value. There will be a small loss, but exactly how much I cannot tell until after melting and assaying.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pirie
Supt

W. H. Thompson Esq
Barrow
Ala

Jany 6 9

Sir,

The information called for in your letter of the 3d inst. you will find on pages 35 to 38 of the Directors last annual report, which I send you by 10 days mail.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Sec'y

Jos Ralston Esq
Defiance
Ohio

Jany 6 9

Sir

The specimen of ore enclosed in your letter of the 3d inst, proves, upon examination, to be only clay slate, with iron pyrites, and of no value.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollard

Mr.
J. H. Brown.
Light Street.
Columbia Co.
Pa

Jany 6 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit Report of Assay coins and deliveries at this Mint for the Quarter ending December 31, 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 6th 9

Sir

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 12, January 2d 1879, $23,807.22 the coin value of Gold bullion from the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, by registered Mail on Government account.

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 6. 9

Sir

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 12, $23,807.22 the coin value of 22 package gold bullion #82 to 103, inclusive, from your Mint, by registered Mail on Government account, specified in your letter and Schedule of 27th of December, 1878.

Very respectfully

Jno. Hoge

Superintendent

H. Silver Esq.
Assayer in charge
U S Mint
Denver, Col

Jany 6th 9

Sir:

I hand you herewith my accounts of "Ordinary" and "Refinery" Offenses for the month of December 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jno Burnett
Supt

Hon H. L. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

January 6th 9

Sirs

I report the "Bullion Fund" at the close of business on 4th inst at $ 9.828.811.96

subdivided approximately as follows, viz;

Gold Coin	$ 1.258.457.00
" Bullion	1.216.510.90
Silver Coin	2.120.677.05
" Bullion	5.233.167.01
Total as above	$ 9.828.811.96

Very Respectfully

J. H. Purdy
Supt

Hon. H. A. Guilemard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 6 9

Sir

I herewith transmit Statement of Silver purchased at this Mint, for the week ending January 4th 1869.

Very Respectfully

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Hon.
M. R. Beardsley
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 7 9.

Sir.

Your letter of the 26th of last has been received.

The specimen of ore you sent to the Mint, proves, upon examination, to be a decomposed clay rock, with iron pyrites in it. The small piece of metal is iron, and is attracted by the magnet, as you can see for yourself.

The mineral is of no value.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr. Boiles.
New Richmond
Sumner Co
Mississippi

Jany 7 9

Sir,

I herewith transmit C. S. No. 1924 from $3.0.2 the Aggregate value of 6.00.22 in mutilated silver pieces specified in your letter (R. W. S.) of Dec. 30. as per inclosed Memorandum No. 4.

Very Respectfully
A. B. Hanson
Actg Supt

Hon.
Jas Guthrie
Secy. T. S.
Washington
DC

Jany 7 9

Gentlemen.

I have the honor to state for your information that the 12 Plate bars referred to in your invoice of the 6th inst, came to hand this morning, but not in a single instance did the number stamped on the bar correspond with the number given in your invoice. We were able, however, to identify the bars by the weight as stamped and invoiced, and in this way took the responsibility of receiving the bars, without subjecting you to any injurious delay.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs,
Handy & Cronise
New York.

Boston 9

Sir

The information called for in your letter of the 6th inst. you will find in the Directors annual reports which I send you by to days mail.

Very Respectfully
H. B. Hickox
Actg Supt

H. B. Rixby, Esq.
Springfield
Mass.

Jany 7th 9

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 7011 to your order for Fifty Seven Thousand nine hundred and Eighty one ($57,981.00) Std. Silver Coin in payment for Silver Dollars sold the Director of the Mint 1.0012 fine per oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
[illegible]

Messrs. Handy & Conde
Cash of Bank of New York
New York City.

Jany 17th 9

Gentlemen.

I transmit this day to the Bank of New York, Chck No. 7014 to your order for $57,981.67, Std Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.0217 per oz. Fines

Very Respectfully
N C Nicholls
Acting Supt

Messrs. Hardy & Co
24 Nassau St
New York

74 1/2

Jany 7th 9

Sir

I draw this day Check No 7014 to the order of Handy & Smith for $5,981.67 in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Jno G Potter
Supt

Hon. Thos. S. Wetherbee
Asst Treas. U.S.
New York

Per W. C. Hibbard
Actg. Supt.

Jany 8 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 6th inst. has been received.

There are no "Gobin" dollars (so called) for sale or distribution. Only a very few specimens were struck for the inspection of the Committee of Congress having the subject under consideration.

I send you by this days mail a copy of the Directors last annual report.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
[illegible]

C. E. Chadwick Esq
Boscawen
N. H.

January 8th 9

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to call Your attention to the transmittal of Twenty five (25) Doloid Dollars of the value of Twenty six (26) Dollars, forwarded to You on December 17th 1858, which amount, I would be pleased to have You remit to this Office, that the settlement may be made with the Giver for the same.

Very Respectfully
Geo Gaudy
Superintendent

Jany 8 9

Sir

I have received a small bag of Yellow 8 pieces purporting, from the card attached, to have been sent by you, but you do not inform me why you sent them, or what you want done with them. Let me hear from you on the subject by return mail

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

J. M. Brent, Esq.
Sandusky,
Ohio

Jany 8 9

Sir

I regret to announce the death on the first of January inst, of Wm H. Gauss, gas fitter in the general department of this Mint, (at $3,25 per diem).

I have also to report the following resignations on the 31st of December, ultimo, which have been accepted, viz.

1. Martin R. Davis, "general assistant" at $6,50 per diem.
2. J. W. Helfrich, coining room, at $3,75 per diem.

I have promoted and appointed Samuel A. Heins, Plumber in the general department, at $2,75 per diem, to be Plumber and gas fitter, in the same dd

partment at $8.25 per diem,
vice Wm. H. Gauss, deceased, to date
from the 2d of January, inst. and
submit the same for your approval.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Potter
Supt.

Hon
R. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 8

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Old Material Sold for Quarter ending December 31. 1878, in accordance with your instructions of October 23. 1878.

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. C. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

January 8th 9

Sir

Referring to your (Draft) letter of 6th inst. I return herewith, receipted, Transfer Order No 5[illegible] dated June [illegible] 1879, for 20 cents gold, herein received from Assay Office Balto. Charles Md.—

The same being to correct discrepancy in Transfer Order No 5[illegible], which was issued for $978.79 (not $978.72 as stated in your letter) being 10 cents less than the correct value of such bullion.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Chief

Hon Jas Gilfillan
Treas U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 8 9

Sir,

We had none of the coins of 1799, called for in your letter of the 6th inst, we have none having been struck, and some of them not likely to be this year, except proofs, But as a special accommodation to you, the Coiner in advance of the regular time, struck what you wish from the proof dies, and I send you to day, by the Adams Express Co, U. S. 5th and dollar gold pieces, 5 dimes, and one half dollar.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Dir

Thos Ustick Esq
U. S. Assay Office
New York

Jan 8 9

Sir.

I have had several applications for the Secretarys annual circular of the value of foreign coins. If it has been issued for the present year, I will thank you to send me twenty five copies.

Very Respectfully
Jas Bryant
Supt

Hon
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

July 8th

Gentlemen

Inclosed Check No 7115 to your order for Eighty eight hundred and fifty two 95 ($8852.95) Eighty Dollars on payment in full for Cedar Bulkhead Sold the Director of the Work at Portsmouth per Contract

Very Respectfully
J. H. Rench
Capt

Messrs Lawrence & Co
120 Pearl St
New York

Jany 8th 9

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 7416 to your order for Sixty three Hundred and Three Mills (6303.27) Std Silver Dollars in payment in full for Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint (1.0897) fine of fine

Very Respectfully

Jas Pleasonton
Supt

Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co
47 Wall St.
New York

Jany 8th. 9

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No. 117 to your order for Nine thousand (9000) Std. Silver Dollars, in payt for 9 M. Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.0896 per Oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs Molton & Davenport
No 9 Wall St.
New York.

Jany 8th 9

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No 7118 to your order for Thirty eight thousand one hundred and eighty Seven 10/100 (38.187 10/100) Silver Dollars in payt for Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint Dec. 26th 1878 @ $1.0925, and Jany 2nd 1879 @ $1.0877. per Express

Very Respectfully

Jas Ryan

Supt.

Messrs J & H. Seligman & Co
New York

Jany 8th 97

Sir

I draw this day the following named Checks, viz

No. 7115,	Laidlaw & Co	8.852.98
" 7116,	J. B. Colgate & Co	6.303.97
" 7117,	Walter & Davenport	9.000.00
" 7118,	J. & W. Seligman & Co	38.187.10

" Payment for Sebs & Bullion.

Very Respectfully

Jas Brown

Supt.

Hon Thos. Hillhouse

Asst Treas. U.S.

New York

Jany 8th 9

J. B. Colgate & Co

New York

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Jas. Pound

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J. W. Seligman

& Co. New York

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Jas Boyd

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& Co. New York

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J. C. Rand

January 8 9

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 7th inst, received by the afternoon mail, I have the honour to transmit the following Statement for the months of October, and November, 1887, delayed by Cables not with and the permission to issue against the Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion, & Gold and Silver of Domestic Production.

Similar Statements for the Month of December, 1887 will be forwarded hereafter.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Chief

Hon. M. P. Kimberlin
Director of the Mint

Jany 8 9

Sir:

I duly received your letter of Dec. 20th, with returning the proposals submitted to you, & regret to see with coal trade and acids for the six months ending June 30. 1879 and instructing me to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidders. This has been done, the egg and stove coal being awarded to Brown Moreland, the chestnut to Abel Hoover, the coke to E. D. Walton and the acids to Damian Roy & Co, Charles Lennig and Chas J. Creed, at their respective bids.

In preparing the written con-

treat with Branson & Brother, I included with their contract the "Highland" and "Sugar Loaf" mines, for ego coal, suggested in your letters of last summer, but inadvertently overlooked in making out the advertisement for proposals for the current six months. The broken coal for the melter and refiner was limited to the Bonnell Ridge mine exclusively, at the suggestion of that officer, under the carte blanche given him in your letters of the 18th and 19th of June, both he informing me then, as he had previously done, verbally, and in writing, that it is the best coal for melting, and its use reduces

him in the daily operations of his department, from all misgivings or annoyances on that subject.

On the first of October last, I mailed you a report from the Engineer and Asst Engineer of the amount and quality of coal furnished for steam purposes during the months of July, August and September, 1877, which I supposed was in full compliance with your instructions. If, however, I am laboring under a misapprehension on this point, and you desire some other and different tests and reports, you will please so indicate, and I will endeavor to meet your expectations on this

satisfaction.

Friend says he was induced to make a delay for securing the assent of the City authorities to the placing of platforms upon the sidewalk on the Knight Street side of the Mills, through a misapprehension on the part of Mr. Groomes of my directions with regard to it. Case of the City Commissioners of Highways called on me at the Mills after my return on Friday, and after a careful examination of the premises, informed me that they believed Friend could not be put to any difficulty in obtaining consent for the placing of the platform upon the Knight Street side, and I then [illegible]

feeling notice that consent has been given. They also expressed the opinion, as experts, that platform scales could not be placed in the alley way on the west side of the Mint, for want of room &c, in which opinion I entirely concur.

I have just had an interview with Mr Groenner, in which he informs me that he will furnish two platform scales, one for the east and one for the west side of the Mint, complete, for the sum of Two hundred Dollars ($200) each. But if only one be required for the Juniper street side, his price for it alone would be Two hundred and twenty five (225) Dollars.

Assuming that municipal consent

will be given, if you instruct me to procure and place platform scales on the Juniper side of the Mint, I will have it done as soon as the weather will permit, and will comply with any instruction you may have to give with regard to the West side.

In your letter of Dec. 28. to which I am replying, you remark that I omitted to furnish an estimate for platform scales for the Melter & Refiner side, because "of the preparatory character of the proposition", I have carefully looked over the correspondence, and do not find in any of my letters any such remark as your quotation imputes to me. I never

used any such language, and if you have it from any other source, I must request that you give me your authority for the accusation, that I may meet it squarely and promptly.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pennock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

June 9 /

Sir

If you have them, please send me fifty (50) copies of the "Directors circular of April 1.1897, Department No. 40, Mint Bureau No. 1" showing the "Standard weight, legal limit of abrasion and current weight of United States gold coin." There is an active demand for them.

Very respectfully

Jas. Gunn

Hon.
R. E. Bridgman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Jany 9 9

Sir,

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst, announcing the purchase of 120,000 ounces fine silver from Laidlaw & Co, and Moritz Meyer, @ 108,85 & and 108,90 & and directing the mode of payment, which will be complied with.

Very Respectfully
Jno. P. Block
Supt

Hon,
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 9 9

Sir.

Referring to my letter of yesterday, I have now to acknowledge the receipt this morning of your letter of January 2nd, inst. requesting me to send the proceeds of your small bags of mutilated silver 9 pieces, "in currency or check." The Mint does not do business in that way. We only receive silver bullion in sums of not less than $1.00, and after melting and assay, pay for the fine silver in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 103 cents per ounce, which would make your $10.86, worth about $7.50.

What disposition shall I make

of your 3 pieces?

By communicating with the Post Master General, you will doubtless receive instructions how to dispose of these pieces in the settlement of your accounts. I am under the impression that some arrangement of this kind has been made. I will retain the pieces until I hear from you.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Bush
Supt

Jno. M. Bralt, P.M.
Sandusky
Ohio

Jany 9 1

Sir

Your instructions of the 6th inst, to coin during the current month from 80,000, to 90,000, standard silver dollars, have been received, and arrangements will be made to fully meet this requisition, unless prevented by causes beyond my control.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pollock
Supt

Hon
R. E. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Jany. 9th. 9

Gentlemen -

I enclose Check No 7119 to your order for Eighteen hundred eighty four .31 ($1884.31) Ird. Silver Dollars balance due you on Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.09½ per oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. P. Kirby
Supt.

Messrs. Wolfert & Davenport
No. 9 Wall St.
New York

Jany 9th 9

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 7120 to your order for Sixty three thousand six hundred and twenty five 16/ ($63,625.16) Stds. Silver Dollars in payment for 1/2 Silver Bullion delivered under Contracts Decr 26th 1868 and Jany 2d 1869.

Very Respectfully
Jos Ryan
Supt

Messrs Handy & Francis
Cors of
Bank of New York
New York.

Jany 9th 9

Gentlemen

I enclose this day to the Bank of New York Check No 7120 to your order for $63625.16 payment on a/c Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs Handy & Ennis
2d Nat'l Bank
New York

Jany 9th 9

Sir

I draw this day Check No 7119 to the Order of Molter & Davenport, for $1884.36. Also Check No 7120 to the Order of Handy & Smith for $63.625.16 in payment for Silver Bullion

Very Respectfully

Jos Wood
Supt.

Hon.
Thos G Hillhouse
Asst Treas U.S.
New York

Jany 29 9

Sir

Your friendly card of the 7th inst has been received.

The U. S. Mint never issued a gold coin of a larger denomination than twenty dollars nor a smaller gold coin than one dollar.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Supt

Mr.
J. W. Meade,
New-Concord
Ohio

Jany 9 1

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst. has been received.

Friend and not "Colonial" dollars (so called) for sale or exchange. A very few specimens were struck for the inspection of the Committee of Congress having it therein under consideration.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pourtales

Mr Jas. N. Brown,
New York

Jany 9 9

Gentlemen,

The sample of ore enclosed in your letter of the 6th inst. proves, upon examination to be metallic antimony, and of little value.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Green
Supt.

Messrs.
Smith, Brown & Co
Blankenburg
Pa.

Jany 9 70

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst has been received.

The Mint will buy your Mexican and Spanish dollars as bullion, and after melting and assay pay you in standard silver dollars for the silver they contain, at the rate of 108 cents per ounce fine, which would be about 84½ cents for a Mexican dollar of full weight 416½ grains, 900 fine, exclusive of freight which the depositor pays both ways.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Rusby
Supt

Mr.
S. P. Clements
Millford Md
Spotsylvania Co.
Va.

Jany 9 9

Sir,

Your letter of the 2d inst. has been received

The Mint will buy your Mexican silver dollars as bullion, and after melting and assay, pay you in standard silver dollars for the silver they contain, at the rate of 108 7/10 cents per ounce fine, you paying the freight both ways, which would be about 8 1/2 cents for a Mexican dollar of full weight, 416 1/2 grains, 900 fine, exclusive of freight

Very Respectfully

Jno. Polock

Supt

Mr

J. G. Smith,
Fairview P.O.
Trad Co.
Ky.

Jany 9 79

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 6th inst. has been received.

The Mint will buy your Mexican dollars as bullion, and after melting and assay, pay you in standard silver dollars for the silver they contain, at the rate of 108 2/10 cents per ounce fine, you paying the freight both ways, which would be about 84 4/5 cents for a Mexican dollar of full weight, 412½ grains, 900 fine, exclusive of freight.

Very Respectfully

Yours

[signature]

Supt

Messrs
J. Amberg & Sons.
Hickman
Ky

Jany. 9th 9

Metter & Dawson

Port, New York

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Jas. Punch

Gentlemen,

Yours of the 9th inst. has been received.

You labor under a misapprehension, in several particulars, and in reply I remark 1. The invoice complained of is of the exact character stated in my letter, some of the figures being entirely undistinguishable, and could not be decipherred. The invoice is on file, open to your inspection at any time.

2. The invoice by mail, after being noted by the Book Keeper, is the only authentic document for the guidance of the Parish Clerk in receiving and identifying the bees, and making up

his official record, upon which subsequent remittances largely depend; and it is essential that it shall legibly and accurately give all the information required to enable me to make safe remittances and prompt settlements.

3. I make no threat, but simply give notice that commercial operations of very great importance to all parties, could not be safely transacted except upon an accurate business basis. Any delay in remitting for cause, would not be on my part a violation of your contract with the Secretary of the Treasury. Under my instructions it is optional with me what advancements I make upon

silver purchases, pending melting and assay. I have always been as liberal as possible in that direction; but under no circumstances could I be required, by any authority, to guess at the identity of silver received, or conjecture to whom payment should be made. We frequently receive several consignments of silver from different shippers and refiners by the same arrival, with the bars often duplicated in numbers, and great care is necessary to prevent mistakes, and complications, that would seriously compromise my official responsibility.

4. I have had a great deal of

trouble and correspondence with New York parties about their shipments of silver on account of the Government; but find upon examination, that I had not before communicated with you about these irregularities, and that point in your letter is well taken. With this better understanding of the subject I rely upon your assurance that there shall be no difficulty hereafter.

Very Respectfully
Jas Reed
Supt

Messrs.
Jas B. Colgate & Co.
New York.

San Jose Jan 9th 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 44, $7,616.26 the coin value of 9 packages #104 @ 112 inclusive, gold bullion by registered mail on Government account, specified in your letter and schedule of Dec. 31. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Powell
Supt

H. Silver Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver
Col

Jany 29 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 44, $7,616.26 the coin value of gold bullion from the Mint at Denver, by registered mail on Government account.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Boyd
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

January 9. 9

Sir,

I herewith transmit

1. Statement of Gold and Silver deposits and purchases, for the month of December, 1878

2. Gold and Silver of domestic production, for the same month

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pugh

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Jany 10 9

Wm Baldwin, Esq.
Chief Commissioner of Highways of the City of Philadelphia.

Sir.

It is desired by the Mint authorities at Washington, D.C. to place a platform scales, to weigh coal and other supplies, in the west side walk on Juniper Street, on the east side of the Mint, in such a manner as will not be a hindrance to foot passengers which can readily be done. To this end I have the honor to request that you will grant the necessary official permission to erect the

scales as suggested. I will thank you for an early reply that I may give the order to furnish the scales with the least possible delay.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Bosch

Supt

January 10th 9

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Inst enclosing draft for $26.00 on Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philad. in payment of the Coinus Bill for twenty-five Eolvid dollars forwarded to you on the 17th ultimo.

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Robt S. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

January 10th 9

Sir

An estimate of the approximate cost of coining gold and silver for a foreign government, called for in your letter of the 7th inst, and its enclosure, will be made and forwarded to you as soon as may be practicable

Very respectfully,

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Robt E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Jany 10 9

Sir

The 10 packages gold bullion by registered mail, on Government account, Nos 1 to 10 inclusive, $7.018.72 specified in your letter and schedule of the 4th inst have been received.

Very Respectfully

Jos Pollock
Supt

H. Silver, Esq
Assayer in charge
U. S. Mint
Denver Col.

Jany 10 9

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars, by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 108 7/10 cents per ounce. The depositor pays the freight both ways. At the above rate, a Mexican dollar is worth about 84 1/2 cents, exclusive of freight

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. D. E. Rands.
Durham. N.C.

Jany 10 9

Sir,

Your letter of the 7th inst. received.

The Mint buys Trade dollars, Mexican dollars, and all other foreign silver coin, by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in Standard silver dollars, at the rate of 108 $\frac{2}{10}$ cents per ounce. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 84½ cents, a Trade dollar 86¼ cents, and a 5 franc piece considerably less, exclusive of freight, which the depositor pays both ways.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

L. B. Wright, Esq

Humboldt

Tenn.

Jany 10 9

Sir.

I am obliged to make a supplemental requisition for five hundred (500) printed legal envelopes for the Mint at Denver, and the same number for each of the U. S. Assay Offices, at Charlotte N. C. and Helena, Montana, per samples herewith inclosed, for the use of this Mint during the six months ending June 30. 1879. These envelopes become a necessity, on account of the new arrangements of the Treasury Department to purchase gold bullion at these points and forward the same to this Mint for

coinage by registered mail on account of the United States, which makes a large increase in my correspondence, and the transmission of documents.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

John Sherman

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington

D.C.

Jany 10th 9

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing a statement of "overdistances" charged (as annexed) by the Adams Express Co. on transportation of Silver Coin.

The charge for transportation of $2000 to the Nat. Bank of Pulaski, Tenn. is correct the same being two orders of $1000 each on the same day.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Poliver
Supt

Hon. A. G. Porter
First Comptroller
Washington D.C.

January 10 9

Sir

I am obliged to return Transfer Order No. 55551, inclosed in your letter (A. W. M.) of the 9th inst. for $28,807.22 because of an error, just discovered of 11 cents in Memorandum No. 12 forwarded to you on the 6th inst. I herewith inclose Memorandum No. 12 for the correct amount $28,807.22.

I may remark in this connection that I have not yet received a Transfer Order for deposit No. 1712, $17,512 the Memorandum of which I mailed to the Director of the Mint on the 9th inst. Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Hon. Jas. Gillillan
Treasurer U.S.

January 10 9

Sir

There proves to be an error of 11 cents in the total, in Memorandum No. 12, forwarded to you on the 6th inst, and I herewith transmit another Memorandum of the same number, for the correct amount $28,807.00.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

H. Silver, Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver Col

Jany 10 9

Sir.

The one dollar greenbacks enclosed in your letter of the 5th inst, received to day, to get two half dollars of 1852, is herewith returned. Your application should be made to coin dealers. The Mint only furnishes proof sets of the current year, and not of former years, according to the enclosed circular.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.

Thos P. Perry

Farmingham

Mass

Jany 11 79

Sir

Your postal card of the 9th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 108 7/10 cents per ounce, the depositor paying freight both ways. At this rate, a Mexican dollar is worth about 84 1/2 cents, exclusive of freight.

Very Respectfully

Jno Russell
Supt

C. A. Jay, Esq. Cor.
1st Nat. Bank
Holmes
Ohio

Jany 11 79

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst. notifying me of the shipment of $2088.00 Mexican dollars, I have to inform you that the Mint makes returns in standard silver dollars, only and not by draft on New York or elsewhere. If you should direct the Express Agent to buy a draft with the dollars, his charge would be the same as if he had sent you the dollars.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Mr
Saml. G. Parker.
Dyersburg
Tenn.

Jany 11 79

Sir.

Your postal card of the 7th inst, was duly received.

Our Messenger finally tested your chain, and certified its net bullion value to be five dollars ($5.) which amount I procured for it, and herewith enclose as requested.

You will send me an acknowledgement of its receipt by return mail, as a voucher. This transaction is entirely outside of Mint operations, but I have complied with your request as a personal accommodation to you.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Ruth
Supt.

Mr. W. L. B. Wells.
Sumter, S. C.

Jany 11 79

Gentlemen.

Your Gold deposit receipts No. 2 and silver deposit receipt No. 2 returned to me this morning in your letter of the 10th inst, with directions to send the amount by Express, cannot be used here until you endorse them to the order of the Adams Express Co. I herewith return them for that purpose.

Very Respectfully
Jno Bollon
Supt

Messrs.
Shrad & Reed
Lancaster
Pa

Jany 11 79

Sir.

Your letter of the 9th inst. has been received.

Twenty cent pieces were coined in 1876, 1877 and 1878, but in the two latter years none but proofs. They can only be obtained from private parties or coin dealers. The Mint cannot furnish them.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pascoe
Supt

E. E. Graves Esq.
Rockaway
N.J.

Jany 11 9

Sir.

The time of my semi-monthly payment of wages is now at hand, and I feel a little anxious about the draft for the current month, which has not yet arrived. Will you please see that it is not unduly delayed.

Very Respectfully

Jno Powell

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 11 9

Sir:

Enclosed I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending January 11. 1879.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Jany 11th 9

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 7121 to your order for Twenty Six thousand (26,000) Std. Silver Dollars, a payment on a/c Silver Bullion rec'd from Ballach & Co for your a/c, sold the Director of the Mint. Please instruct Ballach & Co to sign their invoices of their shipments on your a/c.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Messrs Luidam & Co
No. 12 Pine St.
New York

Jany. 11th 9

Gentlemen.

Inclosed Check No. 7122 to your order for Fifty three thousand two hundred and twelve 76/100 (53.212.76) Std. Silver Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint. viz.

8494.00 Std oz = 7644.60 fine oz @ 1.09½ = 8,345.61

63.094 Do. = 56.784.21 do. @ 1.09½ equals 61.867.15 less part of Check No. 7120 — 50.000. leaves balance due, 11,867.15

And on % delivery 11th inst. (80%) 42.000.

Total, Ck No. 7122 — $ 53.212.76

Very Respectfully

Jno. P. Leech

Supt.

Messrs Hardy & Co.
Comm. Bankers of New York.

Jany 11th 7

Gentlemen

I transmit this day to the Bank of New York, Check No. 7122 to your order, for $53.212 76 in payment for Silver Bullion

Very Respectfully
Geo Pollock
Supt.

Messrs Handy & Conide
24 Nassau St
New York

Jany 11th 9

Sir

I draw this day Check No 7121 to the order of Laidlaw & Co, for $36,000, and Check No 7122, to the order of Handy & Conde for $53,212.16, in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas Ryder
Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst. Treas U.S.
New York

Jany 11th 9

Handy & Crowe

New York

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112.358.97

Jas. Pollock

Jany 11th 9

Sir:

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 5.496.556.04 Standard Ounces

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Wolf
Supt.

Charles Leidersdorf
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

68.000.00 Gross Ozs (approximately) on hand, in addition to above, this morning assayed.

Jas. P. Wolf
Supt.

January 11 [illegible]

Sir,

I have to-day received by registered mail the bags of alloy coins from your office, for the fifth quarter, 1878. Specified in your letter of the 2d inst.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

James Crawford, Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Carson City Nev

Jany 13 79

Gentlemen.

Your postal card of the 11th inst has been received.

The Mint buys Trade dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 108 cents per ounce; the depositor paying freight both ways. At this rate a trade dollar would be worth about 85¼ cents, exclusive of freight

Very Respectfully,
[illegible]
Supt

Messrs
S. J. Patterson & Co.
Dayton
Ohio

Jany 10, 79

Sir

Your postal card of the 10th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican and Trade Dollars, mutilated and worn U. S. silver coins, and foreign silver coins, by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for them in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 100 cents per ounce fine; the depositors paying the freight both ways. At this rate a Mexican dollar would be worth about 89½ cents, and a Trade dollar about 85½ cents, exclusive of freight.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Ogden

Mr Geo H. Crush
Mayhewville, Va.

Jany 10 9

Sir.

Your postal card of the 9th inst has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars at the rate of 108 $\frac{4}{10}$ cents per ounce; the depositor paying freight both ways. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 84½ cents, exclusive of freight.

Very Respectfully
Jas. P. Kirby
Supt

Mr. Wm. H. Hatch Esq.
Oxford
Miss

January 9

Sir

Your postal card of the 10th inst, has been recd.
The Mint is not buying old coins, and does not need your half dollar of 1807, as our Cabinet is supplied. Your application should be made to coin dealers.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr D. S. Mahoney
Pittsburg
Pa

Jany 18 9

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received.

The smaller diameter you give, represents the genuine dime of 1801. We know nothing here of any dime of that year of the larger size. It is perhaps a Spread piece, or more likely a Spanish "Leo".

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. W. Wright
Lexington
Ky.

Jany 13th 7

Gentlemen

I enclose Chq No 7123 to your order for Fifty thousand (50.000) Standard Silver Dollars a payment for oz. Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.0295 per oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollard
Ex.

Messrs. Handy & Conde
Care of Bank of New York
New York

Jany 13th 9

Gentlemen

I transmit this day to the Bank of New York, Check No. 7123 to your order for $50.000. in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs Handy & Crosby
No. 241 Nassau St
New York

Jany 13th 7

Sir

I draw this day check No 7123 to the order of Handy & Cropike for $50,000. in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas Longwell
Supt

Hon Thos. E. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

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Jno. Pierce

Yours N. B.
Washington

Jany 13th 9

Sir,

I report the "Bullion Fund" at the close of business on the 11th inst at $10.294.996.13 subdivided approximately as follows, viz;

Gold Coin	$1.731.899.00
" Bullion	950.177.85
Silver Coin	2.408.714.19
" Bullion	5.404.205.09
Total as above	$10.294.996.13

Very Respectfully

Jno. R. Wolf
Supt

Hon. C. H. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Lans 1st 9

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 100 3/10 cents for ounce, the depositor paying freight both ways. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 84 1/2 cents, exclusive of freight.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs

Clark & Sturges.

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Jany 14 9

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 108 2/10 cents per ounce fine, the depositor paying freight and wastage. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 84½ cents, exclusive of freight.

Very Respectfully
Yours
Jno. Pearce
Supt

Mr J. S. Harris. Esq.
Lahaster. S.C.

(Telegram) Jany 14. 1879

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Draft not yet received.
Please have it forwarded
to day, if possible.

Jno Pearce
Supt Mint

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

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Philada Jany 14th 9

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Disbursing the Cents

Jos Preaut
Supt. Mint

Jany 14 9

Sir

I herewith transmit State-
ment of Silver Purchased at
this Mint for the week ending
January 11. 1879.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany. 14th 9

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for Melting and Coinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Eight Thousand (8000.) Dollars in 2¢ Bronze coin, as per the following authority

Letter & Telegram of the Director April 24th 1873
Do Do Jany 23d 1874
Do. Secretary of the Treasury Oct. 29th 1874
Do Director Dec. 11th 1875
Do Do May. 29th 1878

Jno. Powell
Supt.

Jany 14th 9

Sir

Please draw your Trans-
fer Order for Eight Thousand
8000 Dollars to reimburse you
for Bronze 2¢ Coins withdrawn
from your Redemption Fund and
transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia for
recoinage into Bronze 1¢ pieces.

Very Respectfully
Jno Pugh
Supt.

Hon. Jas Gilfillan.
Trea Dept U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 14 96

Sir.

I herewith transmit Memorandum, No. 52, $7,011.12, the coin value of packages Nos. 1 to 10, of gold bullion, by registered mail, on Government account, specified in your letter and schedule of the 4th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

H. Silver, Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Jany 14 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit Memorandum No 52 January 10. 1879. $7.011 the coin value of gold bullion by registered mail on Government account from the U. S. Mint at Denver.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Sir

The coin vaults of this Mint are so very much crowded that I am compelled by the necessity of the case to again call your attention to the subject and respectfully ask that you will please make application to the Treasurer of the United States for the transfer of not less than $500,000. in standard silver dollars to the U. S. Treasury. As you are aware the coinage of these pieces, under your instructions, is large and continuous, and I regret to say that the transfer orders received for the distribution

of these coins to Banks and others, are not large enough to afford us any adequate relief from the increasing accumulations that are already burthensome, and must soon become seriously embarrassing to our coinage operations.

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pusch
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 14 9

Sir.

As an illustration of the public demand for 1¢ pieces, and in part explanation of my successive applications for authority to coin them, I herewith enclose a copy of a letter from a party in Chicago, who ordered $500, of them in one remittance. This is only a specimen of much of the correspondence on the subject. I have frequently received checks to the amount of from $1000, to $3,000, in a single order

Very Respectfully
J. P. Kinsey
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint

Jany 14 9

Sir,

Your letter of the 11th inst to the Adams Express Co, has been referred to me for answer.

The returns made for deposits of gold bullion depend entirely upon their weight and fineness. Pure gold is 1,000 fine. Your deposit of Dec. 12th was only 497½ fine, less than one half, and your deposit of Jany 8th only 390½ fine, but little more than one third. Your deposits were carefully weighed and correctly assayed, and you received their full coin value. Your deposit of January 8th has been reassayed and

found to be correct. I send you the Assayers certificate.

I enclose herewith a price circular, explaining our manner of doing business.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pierce

Mr

J. H. Meineling

Baltimore.

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Jany 14th 7

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 7121 to your order for Twenty one thousand one hundred and Sixty four 07/100 ($21,164.07) Silver Dollars, the balance due you on Sill and Buelow delivered to date.

Very Respectfully
Geo Cuyler
Supt.

Messrs. Stanley & Comstock
Cashr
Bank of New York
New York

Jany 11th 9

Gentlemen:

I forward this day to the Bank of New York, Check No. 7024 to your order for $21.164.07 in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pearly
Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Conide
24 Nassau St.
New York

Philadelphia Jany 1st 1

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 7125 to your order for Thirty nine thousand seven hundred and fifty nine 68/100 ($39,759.68) Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.2875 per oz fine

Very Respectfully

Jas Pech
Supt

Messrs Laidlaw & Co.
No. 122 Pine St.
New York

Jany 14th 9

Sir.

I draw this day Checks No.
7124, favor Handy & Comm. for $21.164.07
7125 " Laidlaw & Co " 29.759.68
in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pugh
Supt.

Hon Thos. J. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

January 14th 9

Handy & Crowe

New York

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Charged 1.73

Jas Pollock

Jany 15 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 13th inst. has been received.

The U. S. never issued any larger denomination of Gold coin than $20, nor smaller than $1.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Guthrie

Sec'y

R. S. Palmer, Esq.
Waverly
N. Y.

Jany 15 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 9th inst has been received.

There have not, to my knowledge, ever been any $100, gold pieces struck at any of the "private mints" in California, or elsewhere.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

M. D. Shaver, Esq
New-Canton
Tenn.

Jany 15 9

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 9th inst herewith transmit B/E No 208, for $146 72 gold coin, the net value, as per enclosed Memorandum No 54, of $148 50 light gold coin specified in your letter.

You will please send me a special acknowledgment of the receipt of the B/E as my voucher.

Very Respectfully
Jas Leach
Supt

L. B. Cartter Esq
Coll of Customs
Rochester
N. Y.

Jany 15 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 13th inst, has been received.

Half and quarter dollars prior to 1859, do not command a premium, except that perhaps some few dates may have a numismatic value; and for that information, you should apply to coin dealers.

Very Respectfully
J. E. Reed
Supt

J. L. Douglass, Esq
Zanesville
Ohio

Jany 15 9

Sir.

The specimen of ore enclosed in your letter of the 8th inst. proves upon examination, to be only iron pyrites, iron and sulphur, of no value.

Very Respectfully
Yours
Jno Pierce
Supt

T. J. Dillon Esq
Augusta.
Lincoln Co
Kansas.

Jany 15 9

Sir.

The piece of silver bullion specified in your postal card of the 18th inst, has been received.

The Mint does not receive silver bullion in less amount than $100, and does not make returns in currency or money orders. Perhaps some jeweler or silversmith would buy it of you. I shall retain it until you let me know what to do with it.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pearl

Supt

Mr
Henry Palmer.
Reading. Pa.

Jany 15 9

Sir.

The box of assay coins from your Mint, for the 4th Quarter, 1878, specified in your letter of the 22 inst, has been received to day.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

H. L. Dodge, Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal

Jany. 15th 9

Gentlemen:

I enclose check No 7126 to your order for Eighty four hundred and twenty Dls $8426.92 Sd. Eight Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion delivered to date.

Very Respectfully
Jno Rusch
Supt.

Messrs. Laidlaw & Co.
No. 12 Pine St.
New York

Jany 15th 9

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 7126 to the order of Laidlaw & Co. for Eighty four thousand and twenty six 92 (84,126.92) Stg. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

Jany 15 9

Sir

We are now making up proof sets for 1879, but are a little embarrassed by the equivocal status of the Trade Dollar, the law authorizing it being still on the Statute book unrepealed.

Under your instructions of December 4, 1878, they were thrown out of our accounts, and all then on hand melted and the loss charged to the silver profit fund. There is still a great demand for proof Trade Dollars, separately and as part of the set but if we strike them as proofs,

they will at once enter into our general accounts again. To obviate this difficulty, I propose to strike and account for them as silver medals, which will still recognize their legal existence, and accommodate the public, yet confine them to my medal accounts, exclusively; and will yield a large profit to the Government.

I submit this plan for your approval, or any other suggestions you may see proper to make, and will thank you for an early reply.

Very Respectfully
J. R. Baker
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint

Jany 15 9.

Sir.

I yesterday received your letter (A & S.) of the 11th inst, enquiring as to the necessity for 7 memorandum blocks yellow-paper note and foolscap sizes, for the current six months.

Without entering minutely, in this connection, into the multifarious and complicated details of the operations of this Bureau, I need only allude to its voluminous correspondence, the frequent contracts to be drawn up, and the elaborate practical and scientific reports continually required, and which

and generally prepared in the rough, and revised and corrected before being finally engrossed for signature and transmission. For these and for other miscellaneous purposes, the paper in question is very desirable, because it is easier for the hand with either pencil or pen, is a very grateful relief to the eye on account of its color, and being put up in blocks is much more convenient to use; and I shall be greatly obliged if the small amount for my own office, that I have modestly requested, can be furnished by the Department. I regard it as a necessity. I would have preferred a better quality,

but shall be content with this, if I can get it.

The call for inks and mucilage at this season of the year was an inadvertance that should not have occurred, and I recall that portion of the requisition, I will ask for a years supply in June next.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Beck
Supt

Hon.
John A. Hawley
Asst Secy of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Jany 16 9

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst, has been received.

There are no "golden" dollars (so called) for sale or distribution. The few specimens struck were for the inspection of the committee of Congress, having the theory under consideration.

Proof coins are for sale on the terms of the enclosed circular, and not otherwise.

Very Respectfully

Jos Pusch

Supt

Louis F. Greenwood, Esq
Portland, Me.

Jany 16 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 14th inst, has been received.

25¢ and 50¢ gold coins, so called, were made by private parties in California before its admission into the Union, and since that time have been made, in violation of law, and of very inferior quality, by unknown parties in Kansas, but none were ever made or issued by the U. S. Mint. Those sent you from California were doubtless bought in the open market.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Ridgway, Esq
Albany, N.Y.

J. R. Snowden
Supt

Jany 16th 9

Sir:

I draw on you this day check No 7127 - favor Messrs Handy & Cromie for Seventeen thousand (17,000) Std Silver Dollars, in payt for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Pollock
Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst Fin Secy
Wy

Jany 16th 9

Gentlemen,

I hand you herewith Check No 7127 for Seventeen Thousand (17,000—) Standard Silver Dollars, drawn to your order in part on the Silver Reveline & rec'd the Director of the Mint on 16th inst. @ $1.0988 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mess Handy & Comise
Cf. The Bank of Md.
Md.

Jany 16th 9

Gentlemen,

I forward you this day cover "The Bank of Mx" check No 7127 for £17,000 & Std Silver Dollars - in payment for 2/3 Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ £1.0933 pr oz fine.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Messrs Barclay Morris
24 Nassau St
NY

Jany 16 9

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 7th inst, I herewith submit with my approval, after careful examination, estimates as follows, from the Heads of the four operative departments of this Mint, of the approximate cost of coining Gold and Silver for a foreign government to the amount named by Mr. Blyth, the metal being furnished in the form of fine bars, viz

Melter & Refiner	$14,285.
Coiner	10,000.
Assayer	1,100.
Engraver - working dies $8. to $10. each	

as specified in the Engraver's letter.

With ordinary good luck, taking a year's work for a guide, each pair of dies might be expected to strike from 45,000 to 65,000 pieces. The dies used at the London Mint do not last so long, their designs being cut deeper than ours. Much will depend upon the character of the designs on the hubs furnished by the foreign government for whom this estimate is made. In all cases the dies for the smaller denominations will last much longer than those for the larger coins.

In summing up the whole matter I may state that the total cost

of the proposed coinage would probably average one per cent, more or less, of the amount coined, depending upon contingencies that could not be foreseen, or be under our control.

The letter of Mr. Henry A. Blair, at whose instance these estimates were invited, is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Hirsch
Supt.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

January 16 9

Sir

On the 10th inst. I returned your Transfer Order No. 5851, enclosed in your letter (S. W. M.) of the 9th inst. for $23,807.22 because of discovered error of 11 cents in the Memorandum No. 12 on which it was based. Not hearing from it since I write to suggest that if you can send me a Transfer Order per next mail, for the correct amount, $23,807.22 it can go into my Bullion Fund Transcript for the week ending Saturday the 18th inst. which is desirable.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Guthrie

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan,
Treasurer U. S.

Jany 17 9

Sir

Your letter of the 13th inst. has been received.

I buy Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, when delivered at the Mint and after melting and assay, pay for the fine silver in them, in standard silver dollars only, at the Mint, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine, the purchasing price having been changed yesterday by the Secretary of the Treasury. I make returns in about three days after the Mexican dollars are received, but do not pay in currency o - by check or draft on New York, or elsewhere; nor do I pay any freight

These are the regulations prescribed by the authorities at Washington.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

L. B. Wright, Esq
Humboldt
Tenn.

Jany 17 9

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 15th inst advising me of the purchase for delivery at this Mint of 300,000 ounces fine silver from Messrs Handy & Bronite, and two others, at 109.70 @ 109.88 cents per ounce, and directing the mode of payment

Very Respectfully
Jno L Riddle
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 17 9

Sir.

I yesterday received your telegram fixing the purchasing price of silver bullion in amounts not exceeding 10,000 ounces, at one hundred and nine (109) cents per ounce fine; and this morning am in receipt of your verification of the telegram by mail.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pogue
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

January 17th 9

Gentlemen,

I forward you this day Check No 7130 — for $20.000.00 Std Silver Dollars — drawn to your order in payment on the Silver Bullion lately sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.0988 per oz fine. Please advise when the Bank of New York

Very Respy

[illegible]

Messrs Handy & Brown
No 11 Nassau St
N.Y.

A

Jany 14th 9

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith check No 4130 for Twenty five Thousand (25,000) Old Silver Dollars drawn to your order in payment of the Silver Bullion purchased at the Director of the Mint @ $1.0988 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

Geo Coffin
Cashr

Mess. Sandy & Co
Care The Bank of N.Y.
New York

Jany 17th 9

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith check No 7128 - for Forty four thousand ($44000) Std Silver Dolls, drawn to your order in payment on a/c Silver Bullion used the Director of the Mint on 15 inst. @ $1.0750 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

Jno Preston

Supt

Messrs J. B. Colgate & Co
47 Wall St.
New York

Lima 1846

Gentlemen

I have pleasure herewith enclosed No 7129 for Forty four thousand (44,000) Dollars Silver Dollars and forward to your order in part of the Silver taken in lieu the Direction of the Bank on 15th inst @ £4,950 and £10,770 for my share.

Very Respectfully

Geo Pollock
Supt.

Messrs J. & W. Seligman & Co
Bankers
New York

Jany 1 1865 9

Sir

I draw upon you this day the following checks viz

No.	In whose favor.	Amount.
7128	J. C. Colgate & Co	$444.000.00
7129	J. & W. Seligman & Co	444.000.00
7130	Handy & Brown	25.000.00

All payable in Standard Silver Dollars for Silver Bullion purchased

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Hon Thos Hillhouse

Asst Tr. U.S.

New York.

Jany 18th 9

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No. 7031 to your order for Fifteen thousand (15,000.) Std. Silver Dollars on Cfo. Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.0885 per Oz. fine.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Wolf

Supt.

Messrs Laidlaw & Co.
No. 12 Pine St.
New York.

Jany 18 . 9

Sir.

As requested by the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, I herewith transmit b/d No. 4876, for $177.16 on a/c of deductions on deposits of bullion at that Mint for the 4th quarter of 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Lynch
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 18 9

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 9th inst. I herewith transmit the duplicate of B/L No. 876 for $177.16 on account of deductions on deposits of bullion at your Mint for the 4th quarter of 1878, being the coinage value of the unparted gold bar, by express, specified in your letter. Please acknowledge receipt.

The original B/L has been forwarded to the Director of the Mint, as requested.

Duplicate Memorandum No. 75, is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

H. Silver Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver Col

Jany 18 9

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending January 18th 1879.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 18 9

Sir.

Your requisition of the 16th inst. for 24 pairs of dies for Standard silver dollars for the Mint at San Francisco, was received on the 17th inst. and to day I have forwarded to the Superintendent of that Mint, the dies expressed, as per the enclosed receipt, 24 reverse dies, or one half your order. The 24 obverse dies called for will be forwarded in a few days.

We have no such difficulty here with these dies as are reported by Supt Snowden. I enclose for your information a copy of communications

on the subject from our Coiner and Engraver, which seems to be conclusive on that point, so far as our experience here is concerned. The trouble is with that Mint, and not with us.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 18 9

Sir.

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint U.S. at New Orleans, by the Adams Express Co, in part of your requisition of Dec. 28, two sets of assay weights, and four black lead annealing pans. Express receipt enclosed.

The remaining articles called for in the requisition will be forwarded as soon as may be practicable.

Very Respectfully
Jno Pearce
Supt

R. S. Chestnut, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington.

January 18th 9

Sir:

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 5.504.936.85 — Standard Ounces —

In addition to the above, we have say, 199.000.00 fine ounces — not yet assayed.

Very Respectfully

Geo Busch
Supt.

Hon. C. H. Lieberman
Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 18th 9

Gentlemen

I encl. yr Check No 732 to your order for Twenty Thousand two hundred and forty two $ Standard Silver Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint at 1.09 per oz fine, less Charges as per Memorandum, in regard to which I will further communicate with you. Very Respectfully

Jos Pusey Jr

Messrs Hardy & Co
Care of Bank of New York
New York

Jany 18th 9

Gentlemen

I encl. you Check No 132 to your order for Seventeen Thousand two hundred and forty two 20 Standard Silver Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint at 1.02 per oz fine, less Charges as per Memorandum, in regard to which I will further communicate with you. Very Respectfully

Jos Pauch

Messrs. Handy & Cromwell
Cashr
Bank of New York
New York

Jany 18th 7

Gentlemen

I transmit this day to the Bank of New York Check No. 7132 to your order for $17.242.20 in part for Silver Bullion

Very Respectfully
Jas Park
Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Conger
24 Nassau St.
New York

Jany 18th 9

Sir.

I remit this day Check No. 7131, from Laidlaw & Co. for $15,000
" 7132 " Handy & Pinder " 17,812.90
in payment for Silver & Gullion.

Very Respectfully
Jno Pond
Supt.

Hon Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

Jany 20 9

Sir.

I herewith return my "Return of Furniture and Fixtures for the six months ending Dec. 31. 1878" with my signature attached, as requested in letter of S. K. Upton, Chief Clerk, your Department of the 18th inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas Powell

Supt

Hon John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

2241

Jany 20 9

Sir,

Your letter of the 14th inst. has been received.

The U. S. silver dollar of 1795 has little more than an intrinsic value, unless in an uncirculated condition, when the coin dealers would perhaps pay a premium. Your application should be made to them. The Mint cabinet contains one specimen and does not need another.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Geo. Hueston, Esq
Morganfield, Ky

Nov 20 9

Sir,

Your letter of the 17th inst. has been received.

The gold by express referred to in your letter duly arrived at this City, but as there was nothing in or about the package to indicate its ownership or what was to be done with it, we were notified by mail, the Express Agent retained it for further advice. He will now deposit it for coinage, and in due time send you the proceeds.

Mr. C. B. Hammett,
Hurricane Shoals,
Ga.

Yours Respectfully
[illegible]

Navy Dept 9

Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican and Trade Dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in Standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine, the depositor paying freight both ways. At the above rate a Mexican Dollar is worth about 85 cents, and the Trade Dollars about 85 97 cents, each.

We do not remit by draft or check.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Dahlgren

Mr.
Gilchrist, Esq.
Minnesota. Ill.

Dans Oct 9

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 17th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after refining and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in Chinese silver dollars at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine, the depositor paying freight both ways. At the rate a Mexican dollar is worth at most 85 cents, exclusive of freight.

Yours Respectfully,

Jno. Pollock

Supt.

Messrs.
Ellis & Young,
Cincinnati. Ohio.

Jany 20 9

Sir.

The U. S. Treasury interest coin check, No. 45,971, for $1,000. enclosed in your letter of the 16th inst, for a like amount in silver dollars, is herewith returned. The Mint does not pay out standard silver dollars except upon a Transfer order issued to me for that purpose by the Treasurer of the U. S. at Washington, D. C.

The enclosed circular will direct you how to proceed.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Powell
Supt

N. C. Paddock, Pres't
Aurora, Ills.

Manchester 9

Gentlemen.

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst. I have to state that the blowing out of the furnace you refer to was first caused by the iron, then driven by the hands away, in a thoroughly spoiled state. I have further to state that which remains our very best iron, particularly the mixed kinds, our Mottled & refined appears from the general quality of your circular, to be that it would be good enough to run into moulds, and so be mixed with another lot on a cupola, or cupolas, into a melt of iron, that

Learning from the Assayer that the bar in question contained lead, the precaution was taken to hand that melt, of which the blear break bar formed one third, rolled by itself. The result was that of the 61 ingots constituting the whole melt, 7 had to be cut up on the first passage through the rolls; 21 rolled quite length, but 6 of them had to be cut up for bricettes; 15 were fair metal of full length, and 29 had to be cut down to about one third of their original length. The final result is that of the whole 61 ingots, only 20 were available, that is 41 per cent. Your blear break bar was so base and unsuitable for melting purposes as

to

to occasion a loss to the Government, in time, wages, and hindrance to our regular coinage operations, fully equal to the value of the bars. Such received and inadmissible, and I must decline to receive silver of this stated character hereafter. Your contract with the Government calls for fine silver, and I am not at liberty to receive silver so unsuitable to our purposes.

I have reported the case to the Director of the Mint, that he may speak to the Government and the Mint, in future purchases.

Very Respectfully
Yours
J. Ross Snowden
Supt

Messrs.
Henry Schroeder
New York

Jany 20th 9

Sir.

I draw this day Check No.

7133	Jaus Laidlaw & Co.	for	18,000.
7134	" J. B. Colgate & Co.	"	11.376.86
7135	" J & W. Seligman & Co.		11.278.06
7136	" Handy & Conrie	"	28.722.95

in payment for Silver Bullion

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pyne

Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse

Asst. Treas. U.S.

New York

Jany 20th 7

Gentlemen,

Inclosed Check No. 7133 to your order for Thirteen thousand (13,000) Std. Silver Dolls payment for Pc. Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint at $1.0005 per oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt.

Messrs. Laidlaw & Co.
No. 121 Pine St.
New York.

Jany 24th 7

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 7134 to your Order for Eleven thousand and three hundred and Twenty six 86 (11.326.86) Std. Silver Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion, sold the Director of the Mint @ 1.298 per oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pugh
Supt.

Messrs J. B. Colgate & Co
47 Wall St.
New York

Jany 20th 9

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 7135 to your order for Eleven thousand three hundred and seventy eight 06 (11378.06) Std Silver Dollars in full for Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint on the 15th inst

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

Jany 20th 9

Gentlemen

Inclosed Check No 1036 to your order for Twenty three thousand seven hundred & twenty seven 25 (23,727 25) Std. Silver Dollars, in payt. for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint at 1.02.5 per oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pugh
Supt

Messrs. Handy & Conde
Care of
Bank of New York
New York

Jany 20th 9

Gentlemen

I have sent this day to the Bank of New York Check No. 136 to your order for $23.62 in payment for Silver Bullion

Very Respectfully
Jas Polock
Supt.

Messrs Handy & Conde
No. 24 Nassau St
New York

Jany 28th ?

Jos W. Seligman

Co. New York

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Jas. Powell

Jany 20th 9

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Jas. Pollock

Jany 20th 9

J. & W. Seligman

Co. New York

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Jas Pollock

Dam 20 9

Sir

On the 11th of January inst. I received from Messrs. Hanay and Bromise, New York, on account of their sale of fine silver to the Director, January 2nd at 108.95, an order for 6 tons a "Clear brick" bar, the weight before melting 12910 ozs, after melting 12807 ozs. stamped 991 fine, but proved by our assay to be only 988½ fine. They enquired, under date of the 16th inst. the cause of this so much difference, the owner being much exercised over this great loss. In reply I wrote them to day as follows.

"The Clear brick bar, to which

gross refined, was finish assayed by the oven, then twice by the hand assay, and thoroughly fourned to be 958½ fine.

It seems further to evidate that notwithstanding our assay fell so far below the invoice fineness, our Melted & Refined supposed, from the general quality of gold seen heretofore, that it would be good enough to run into melts and so be mixed it with our other bar and clipping, as usual, into a melt of ingots, but learning from the Essayer that the bar in question contained lead & the precaution was taken to have that melt of which the bar broke bar formed one time, rolled by

itself.

The result was that of the 61 ingots constituting the whole melt, 7 had to be cut up on the first passage through the rolls; 21 rolled full length, but 6 of them had to be cut up for brittleness; 15 were fair metal of full length, and 29 had to be cut down to about one third of their original length. The final result is that of the whole 61 ingots, only 25 were available, that is 41 per cent. Your clear back has been so tried and unsuited for minting purposes as to occasion a loss to the Government, in time, wages and hindrance to our urgent coinage operations, fully equal

to the value of the bar.

Such results are inadmissible, and I must decline to receive silver of this base character hereafter. Your contract with the Government calls for fine silver, and I am not at liberty to receive silver so unsuited to our purposes.

I have reported the case to the Director of the Mint, that he may protect the Government and the Mint, in future purchases."

In reporting these facts to your office, I trust I shall be sustained in the stand I have taken not to receive such base silver hereafter. Silver of that character is a great annoyance to us, and a very serious hindrance in our efforts to meet

the expectations of the Department for the coinage of standard silver dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 20 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 16th inst, and its inclosures, communicating the decision of the Secretary of the Treasury, at the request of the Chairman of the House Committee on Coinage, that "so far as may be practicable and proper to do so," a double bangle may be struck off the alloy and designs specified, was duly received.

Such experiments may be regarded as open to serious consideration, but I have consulted with the proper officers of the Mint, and the Engraver thinks he will be able to prepare dies for the purpose, from some

of those on hand, without incurring the heavy cost of preparing new hubs, but it will be a difficult task, requiring time, labor, and no inconsiderable expense. He will however do the best he can, and as soon as may be practicable. When struck the piece will be promptly forwarded to you, as requested, with a bill for the metal contained in it.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ryan

Capt

R. S. Thornton, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

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Joe Pulitzer

January 20th 9

Sir;

I report the "Bullion Fund" at the close of business on the 18th inst. at $10.271.182.64 subdivided approximately as follows, viz;

Gold Coin	$1.335.352.29
" Bullion	1.179.773.10
Silver Coin	2.278.551.13
" Bullion	5.477.506.12
Total as above	$10.271.182.64

Very Respectfully

Jas Guthrie

Supt.

Hon. H. K. Zinderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 20th 9

Sir

You are respectfully requested to inform me whether you have shipped, or directed any parties to ship for you any Silver Bullion to this Mint, and if so please state the amount, so forwarded the times of Sale &c.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pearce
Supt.

Moritz Meyer Esq
26 Broad St
New York

Jany 21 9

Sir.

As requested in your letter of the 16th inst, I have to day forwarded to you by the Adams Express 60, one pair annealing mitts, and several samples of our coin bags. The mitts we have made outside, and pay 7½ cents a pair for them, including materials.

The Mint buys the material for coin bags by the piece, at about eight cents a yard, and after having cut up into the required sizes, some of them are made in the Mint by our female employees, and some by outside sewers, we furnishing the

needles and thread in both cases. Those made in the Mint cost about 2¾ cents, each, for large, and 1 cent each for small bags. For those made outside we pay 2 cents each for the largest size, and one cent for the smallest size, and 1½ cents for the medium size.

Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Geo. [illegible]

Hon. H. S. Foote,
Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans.
La

Jany 21 9

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 16th inst. has been received.

I buy Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, when delivered at the Mint, and after melting and assay, pay for the fine silver they contain, at 109 cents per ounce fine, which is the present purchasing rate, and at which rate, a Mexican dollar is worth about 85 cents. But I buy only in standard silver dollars; not in greenbacks, nor by checks on N.Y., nor do I pay any freight. The Mint is a manufacturing not a banking institution. Payment is made in about three days after the Mexican dollars are received.

Yours

Very Respectfully
Jas Busch
Supt

Messrs.
N. C. Land & Co.
Jacksonville
Ala.

Jany 2. 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 17th inst. has been received.

Whoever makes a deposit of bullion at the Mint can hold the deposit receipt as long as they please, before calling for the money, but if the deposit is made by the Agent of the Adams Express Co, he will not hold it over but will send you the standard dollars by Express as soon as he gets them, which would be in about three days. We open no other accounts with depositors, nor do we pay in currency, nor by check or draft, the Mint being a manufacturing, not a

banking institution.

The bullion value of Mexican dollars depends entirely upon their weight and fineness. Some of the older issues and worth as much as those of the present coinage, and some not so much. 416½ grains, 900 fine, is the standard Mexican dollar.

I enclose a silver dispatch circular. Our purchasing price is now 109 cents per ounce fine.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Power,
Supt.

J. L. Harris Esq. Dir
Chestnut
S. B.

Jany 21 9

Sir.

Your postal card of the 16 ult. has been received.

The Mint does not make silver coins for private parties, but only for the U. S. Government. I buy Mexican dollars, however, by weight as bullion, and after melting and assaying for them in standard silver dollars only, at the rate of 139 cents per ounce fine; which makes a Mexican dollar of full weight and fineness, worth about 85 cents. I cannot pay any freight nor give you an order on the Sub-treasury at New-York. Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr. M. J. Cant,
York Works. Yes?

Jany 21st 9

Sir

Your letter of the — inst. (no date given) has been received.

The Mint coins silver bullion for the U. S. Government only, and not for private depositors. I buy silver bullion, however, on the terms of the enclosed circular, and after melting and assay, pay for the fine silver it contains, in standard silver dollars only, at the rate of 100 cents per ounce, the owner paying the freight both ways. The value of the bullion depends entirely upon its weight and fineness.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pugh

Mr Wm. H. Hayes.
Salisbury, Mo.

Jany 21 9

Sir,

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams & Express Co. 24 obverse dies for standard silver dollars, in full of the balance due on your requisition of the 16th of January inst.

Express receipt enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 21st 9

Sir

I draw this day Checks Nos
7137 favor Hoyt Meyer for $21.970.10
7138 " Laidlaw & Co. 6.658.09
7139 " Handy & Lincoln " 29.960.53
in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Wolf
Supt.

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst Treas. U.S.
New York.

Jany. 21st 9.

Sir,

I enclose herewith Chect No. 703 to your order for Twenty one Thousand nine hundred and Seventy 10/100 ($21,970.10) Std. Silver Dollars in full payt. for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint on 1st ult. per fine.

In making Sales to the Trade, please advise me at once by mail, as the simple invoice of the Messrs. Ballach, though properly sent, is not an evidence that you have authorized it.

Very Respectfully
[signature]

Messrs. Meyer
28 Broad St
New York

Jany 21st 9

Gentlemen,

I enclose Check No. 7038 to your order for Sixty Six hundred Fifty eight .09 (6658.09) Std Silver Dollars, balance due on Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ 9.2875 per oz fine

Very Respectfully

Jno Preuss

Supt

Messrs. Laidlaw & Co
No. 12 Pine St
New York

July 24th 1

Gentlemen

Enclosed Check No 7139 to your order for Twenty nine thousand nine hundred and sixty 53 (29,960 53) Std Silver Dollars, in payment on the Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint on 1st 0788 per Express.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Messrs. Handy & Crouse
Care of
Bank of New York
New York

Jany 21st 9

Gentlemen

I transmit this day to the Bank of New York, Chec. No. 7139 to your order for $29,960.53 on a/c. Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.02 88/100 per oz. Fine.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs Stancy & Cowles
24 Nassau St.
New York

Jany 21st 9

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New York

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Jas Phillips

Jany. 21st 9

Moritz Meyer

New York

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Jos. Pulitzer

Jany 22d 9

Gentlemen.

On the 20th inst I remitted you a Check (No. 7133) for $13 Seven.
Please return receipts for Edward

Very Respectfully
Jas. C. [illegible]
Pr pro

Messrs Laidlaw & Co
No. 12 Pine St.
New York

Mary 22 9

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst. has been received.

The Mint furnishes proof coins of the current year only, and not of former years, upon the terms of the enclosed circular, and cannot supply the coins you call for. If you cannot find them in private hands, your only resource is to coin dealers, whose price will, of course, be in proportion to their scarcity and condition.

Trade Dollars were intended exclusively for foreign commerce, and not for home circulation. What

become of them after they leave the Mints, I have no official means of knowing.

Very Respectfully
Jos Pugh
Supt

Mr
Chas K Miller
Lehighton
Pa

January 22 9

Sir,

Referring to your requisition of Dec. 23. ultimo, I herewith transmit for payment, the receipted approved bill, in duplicate, of A. L. Tomkinson, No. 407 Arch Street Philadelphia, $67.22 for 5 3/4 doz. 3 gallon glass retorts, and packages, for the Mint of the United States at New-Orleans, & shipped from Boston, on the Steamer "Hudson", January 7.

I also enclose the Bill of Lading.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Rench
Supt.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director Mint.

Jany 28 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 20th inst has been received.

A number of nickel cents, with an eagle on the obverse, were struck in 1856, as pattern coins, but none for circulation until 1857.

As to what it would cost to procure a good specimen of the 1856 nickel, you should apply to coin dealers or collectors.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Chas. T. Ryckman, Esq.
Grand Haven
Mich

Jany 28 7

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst. I have been received.

In compliance with your request I herewith return to you by mail unopened the package you sent to me January 18th said to contain a small piece of silver bullion. You will please acknowledge its receipt.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr Henry Palmer
No. 63 Pine Street
Reading

Jany 23 9

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 22d inst advising me of the purchase of 310,000 ounces fine silver from Mollet & Davenport, and four other parties, at 110.90 @ 111.30 per ounce, and directing how payments shall be made.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. M. Poindexter Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 23 9

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine; the depositor paying freight both ways. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85 c, exclusive of freight.

Very Respectfully
Jos Reed
Supt

Mr. A. W. Mellon.
Lampasas.
Texas

Jany 23 9

Sir

I herewith transmit statement of bullion purchased at this Mint for the week ending January 18, 1879.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 20th 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received.

The specimen of ore sent by you to the Mint proves, upon examination, to be dotted with fine particles of iron pyrites, which are often mistaken for gold, and of no value whatever.

Very Respectfully
Yours
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr
Andrew Gibson
Kingsport
Sullivan Co
Tenn.

Jany 30th 1

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 9110 to your order for Thirty seven thousand nine hundred Dls 37900 Dl. Standard Silver Dollars, payment on a/c Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jos Buck
Supt.

Messrs. Stanley & Comstock
Cashr of
Bank of New York
New York

Jany 23d 9

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 7140 to the order of Handy & Conise for $37,900.84, for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Polley
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas Sub
New York

Jany 23 7

Gentlemen

I transmit this day to the Bank of New York, Check No. 7140 to your order for $7,900. Pay't. on a/c. Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Ward

Supt

Messrs. Hande & Comi Dr.
24 Nd Wall St.
New York.

Jany 23 9

Sir.

The 4 packages of Gold Bullion No. 11 to 14, inclusive, by registered mail on Government account, specified in your letters and schedule of the 17th inst. have been received to day.

Your new form of schedule, on foolscap paper, is just the thing but each schedule should be verified by your official signature at the foot. Let me add that any vacant space about the totals at the bottom should be covered by a red line drawn obliquely from the lower left hand corner, up to the right hand column

at the end of the first line of figures above the bottom totals.

Thanks for your attention to my request in transmitting your form of schedule to the assay office at Helena, and at Butte City.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Egan
Supt

Dr. Silver Key
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver
Col

Jany 28 9

Sir.

Through an inadvertency on the part of the Mister & Mistress aqua fortis of 40° Beaume, was not included in my advertisement for proposals for acids for the ensuing six months, and the results are not altogether advantageous to the Mint. Proposals for aqua fortis of 36° B. were accepted from Harrison Brothers, and Blair & Breaden in equal quantities at the land price of £1. 7s per 100 oz, and I do not propose to annul the contract in that respect for consumed aqua fortis we may need at that price. But you will see by communication

received to day from our Melter and Refiner, Prof. Booth, a copy of which I herewith enclose, that he means a supply of aqua fortis of 40° B. and that there will be large economy in its use, although at a higher price. I submit the case to you, & ask for authority to procure what may be needed of that quality from the two parties named, in equal quantities, if they will agree to furnish it at the price suggested by Prof. Booth, viz. 5 9/10 cents per pound, and await a reply at your early convenience.

Very Respectfully

R. H. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint

J. R. Pollock
Supt

Jany 27 1

Sir.

Your final card of the 20th inst has been received.

The Mints buys Mexican and Trade dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain at the rate of 110 cents per ounce; the depositor paying freight both ways. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 86 cents, and a Trade dollar about 80 ½ cents, exclusive of freight.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.

E. B. Mattison

Baltimore, Md.

Jany 24 9

Sir,

Your letter of the 23d inst has been received.

The Mint exchanges small gold coins for larger ones, during the holidays only, by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, as a special accommodation to the public; but that arrangement is at an end, and it is not in my power to accommodate you. You can doubtless make the required exchanges at the Sub-Treasury, in the lower end of the Custom House in this city, or at Banks or Brokers.

Very Respectfully

Jos Pollock Supt

Mr Wm McDermott, Esq
Conchokocken, Pa

Vienna 9

Sir,

I have this morning received by Express, from the Rich Received U.S. at New York for you according a small package said to contain 8 [illegible] in mutilated and foreign silver coin, but no explanation why they were sent or what I should do with them.

The Mint buys silver bullion payable in standard silver dollars, at the rate of $1.10 per ounce fine, but not in less amounts than $100.

If, as an accommodation, I should pay you the bullion value of this small sum, you would lose from 10 to 20 per cent by the operation, and

you have not given me any directions what to do with the proceeds. By writing to the Post Master General you will probably learn how to make these coins available in the settlement of your accounts.

Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

Jas Powell
P.M.

Mr. A. P. Clark, P.M.
Auburn
N.Y.

Jany 24 9

Sir.

I have this morning received your letter of the 23d inst, fixing the purchasing rate for silver bullion in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at one hundred and ten (110) cents per ounce fine.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
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R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 24th 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 21st inst. has been received.

The specimen of ore you sent to Dr Mark proves, upon examination, to be a carbonaceous slate, with some specks of oxide of iron, and of no value.

Very Respectfully

J. E. Brush

Supt

Mr
D. Patterson.
Arnoville
Clearfield Co
Pa

Jany 24th 9

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 1441 to your order for Twenty five thousand (25,000) Standard Silver Dollars for a/c Silver Bullion.

You will please inform me if you have authorized any party to ship Silver Bullion to me on a/c of this Sale, and if so how much, and whether said Bullion has been shipped, recently.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Messrs Handy & Conie
Cashr of Bank of New York
New York

Jany 21st 7

Gentlemen

I have sent this day to Bank of New York Check No. 7011 to your order for $25,000 on a/c. Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Crowe
21 Nassau St.
New York

Jany 21st 9

Gentlemen

I encl. a Check No 7112 to your order for Ninety thousand (90.000) Std. Silver Dollars for fr. Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint 7.112 Spec. Dep. Fins.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Messrs J. B. Colgate & Co
117 Wall St.
New York

Jany 21st 9

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 7143 to your order for Twenty eight thousand (28,000) Std Silver Dolls for p/c Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint under Contracts 22d inst.

You would much oblige if you would complete your deliveries within a day or two.

Very Respectfully
Yours
Supt

Messrs Moffat & Co
9 Wall St
New York

Jany 24th 7

Sir

I draw this day Check No.
7141 favor Haney & Comie $25,000.
7142 " J. & E. Colgate & Co. $90,000.
7143 " Walter & Dampert $28,000.
in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Wood
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

Jany 24 9

Sir:

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 109. January 23, 1879, $32 01,53 the coin value of Gold Bullion from the Mint of the U.S. at Denver, by registered mail on Government account.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 24 9

Sir:

I herewith transmit Memorandum No 109, $2,201 the coin value of 4 packages of Gold Bullion Nos 11 & 14 inclusive, from your Mint by registered mail, on Government account specified in your letter and schedule of the 17th inst.

Very Respectfully
Geo Roberts
Supt

H. Silver Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver.
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Jany 24 9

Sir.

The inclosed letter was received and opened here.

Finding that it related to the value of foreign coins as fixed in Treasury circular of Jany 1. 1879, I handed it to Mr DuBois, our Assayer, to read. After reading it and careful examination of the statements of the writer, he prepared unofficially the inclosed letter, which I send to you unofficially and privately.

Very Respectfully
J. P. Dyer
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint,

Jany 24 9

Sir

Remittances No. 15 and 16, Gold Bullion from your office by registered mail, on Government account, specified in your two letters of the 21st and 22nd inst respectively were both received to day.

Very Respectfully
Jos Pugsch
Supt

C. J. Cowles, Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N. C.

May 20th 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 2nd inst. has been received.

The Mink skins Mexican Indians and other foreign tribes carry by weight, exclusive, and after mentioning a few days for the fire & how they come, in standard tribes dollars, at the rate of 110 cents per ounce fine; the depositors paying freight both ways. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 80 cents specie of weight.

Very respectfully
[illegible]

Colonel J. Lowry,
Paducah, Ky.

Jany 26 9

Sir.

Mr W. Davis, special employed and general assistant, having resigned, and Henry H. Lyle, assistant calculator, but largely employed in miscellaneous duties in my Office, being absent on four months leave, without pay, on account of ill health, I have appointed James L. Pollock, as special employed, for temporary service, at $1.50 per diem, to be paid by warrants out of our contingent fund, and submit the same for your approval. His services are needed for a limited period, and his qualifications and industry.

This appointment to date from Monday the 27th inst.

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Very Respectfully
J. C. Bryce
Surg

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 25 9

Sir.

I herewith forward bearer Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending Jany 25, 1879.

Very Respectfully
Jas. P. Olcott
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 25 9

Sir:

As I wish to investigate the shortage complained of in your letter of the 21st inst, received this morning, I will thank you to send me the bag and the seals as they appeared on opening. This is necessary to the investigation.

Very Respectfully

Jas Powell
Supt

H. P. Browning, Esq, Cash
First Nat Bank
Independence
Iowa

Jany 25 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit to your office for payment bill in duplicate, of R. A. McClure, Curator in charge of the Mint Cabinet, for a full proof-set, gold and silver, U. S. coins of 1879; and a rare silver coin of 1871, all for the Cabinet

Very Respectfully

Jas Pearly
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

January 25th 9

Sir;

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 5,666,293.53 standard ounces, with an additional amount of say, 190,000.00 ~~fine~~ gross ounces, un-assayed.

Very Respectfully

Jno Burch

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 25 9

Sir

Yours of the 21st inst has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 110 cents per ounce, the depositor paying freight both ways. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 86 cents, exclusive of freight.

Very Respectfully

Jas P. Kimball
Supt

Mr
M. D. Kelly.
Cadiz. Ky.

Jany 25 9

Gentlemen

Yours of the 22d inst has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars as bullion, by weight, and after melting and assay pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 115 per ounce; the depositor paying freight both ways. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 86 cents, exclusive of freight.

Very Respectfully

Jno Preuch

Supt

Mess.
Johnson & Earle
Hillsville, Va.

Jany 25th. 7

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 1911 to your order for Thirty thousand (30,000) Std. Silver Dollars for p. Silver Bullion. Sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.02½ per oz fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas P. Kirby
Supt

Messrs Handy & Conde
Care of
Bank of New York
New York.

Jany 25th. 9

Gentlemen,

I transmit this day to the Bank of New York, Check No 7044 to your order for Thirty thousand (30000.) Std. Silver Dollars, on a/c. John Burton.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs Handy & Comlie
241 Nassau St.
New York.

Jany 25th 9

Gentlemen

Inclosed Check No. 9115 to your order for Twenty two thousand (22,000) Std. Silver Dollars for c/c Silver Bullion. Sold the Director of the Mint @ 1.1130 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

Jno Pugh
Supt

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

Jany 25th. 9

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 7144 favor Handy & Conner for $30.000.
7145 " J. & W. Seligman & Co. 22.000.
in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas Ruth
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse.
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Jany 27th 9

Sir:

Yours of the 22d inst, is at hand.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 110 cents per ounce; the depositor paying the express charges to and from the mint. You should enquire of the Agent at Rockdale as to the cost of transporting bullion to the Mint. No deposits of less value than $100, are received. At the above rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 86 cents. We have no means of paying for deposits by check, our book of [illegible] order.

no — we pay in currency but only in silver dollars.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Bruce

Mr. F. T. Sisson
Cameron
Texas

Jany 7th 1

Sir.

Your letter of the 2nd inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assaying pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver at 5/4 at the rate of 115 cents per ounce; the depositor paying the express charges to and from the Mint. No coin is of less value than $100 and none received at the above rate a Mexican dollar would amount about 86 cents, exclusive of freight.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
James Pollock

S. F. Primer, Esq.
Canton, Ohio

Jany 27th 1849

Gentlemen.

Yours of the 23d inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 110 cents per ounce; the depositor paying the express charges to and from the Mint. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 86 cents, exclusive of freight. No deposits of less value than $100, are received.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pearl

Messrs.

Gregory & Dickey
Newbern. Tenn.

Jany 27th 9

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 2.d inst, I had your silver & pieces melted down, and assayed. Their bullion value at 110 cents per ounce fine, our purchasing rate for silver, was $8.50 which amount I herewith remit in currency; and will thank you for a special acknowledgement of its receipt, as my voucher, the transactio being for your accommodation, and entirely outside of regular Mint operations.

Jno M. Boalt, Esq, P.M.
Sandusky, Ohio

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pollock
Supt

Jany 27 9

Sir.

The $4.1. in burnt gold coin specified in your letter of the 20th inst, was duly received by registered mail, and as requested I had it melted and assayed. The bullion value before melting was $22.55. Loss in melting, 55 cents, leaving a net value of $22 for which I herewith enclose my own check to your order, the Mint never paying by draft or check. Please send me a special acknowledgment of its receipt, as my voucher, the transaction being for your accommodation, and entirely outside of the regular Mint operations.

Very

Very Respectfully
Jas Bennet
Supt

W. A. Thompson, Esq
Barron
Ill.

Jany 27th 9

Messrs E. K. Tryon & Co

Gentlemen

Your letters of 20th inst, has been duly received.

The supply of halves and quarters has been too abundant, for, more than thirty years, to need any cutting to make change. Before we had a mint, [illegible] years ago, Spanish Dollars were sometimes cut into quarters, in the West, for that purpose, [illegible] General Washington, writing [illegible] a member of Congress, complained that they sometimes made [illegible] quarters.

(Jh)

The same thing was practised in the Spanish Islands of the West Indies, with a special stamp, to legalize this currency.

There has been no coin cut in Pennsylvania in many years.

Very Respectfully

J. Pryor

Superintendent

Jany 2nd 7

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 7016 to your Order for Thirty eight thousand (38,000) Ozs Silver Dollars for the Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint on 1st inst per Express

Very Respectfully

Jos Wood

Treasr

Messrs Harvey & Co

Care of Bank of New York

New York

Jany 27th 1

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 9017 to your order for Thirteen thousand (13,000) Std Silver Dolls for Sk Silver & Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ 1.1125 per Oz fine

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs Mellon & Davenport
9 Nassau St.
New York

Jany 27th 9

Gentlemen

I have sent this day to the Bank of New York, Check No. 7146 to your order for $38,000 for the Schools Business.

Very Respectfully
Jas Leach
Supt

Messrs. Handy & Conyngham
24 Nassau St.
New York

Jany 29th 7

Sir.

I draw this day Check No.
7146 favor Hardy & Ennis for $38,000.—
7147 " Mathews & Davenport " 13,000.
pay't for the School Dollars

Very Respectfully
Jas Pecoy
Supt.

Hon. Thos Hillhouse
Asst Treas U.S.
New York.

Jany 27th 9

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 16th inst has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 100 cents per ounce fine; the depositor paying the express charges to and from the Mint. No deposit of less value than $100, is received. At the above rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 86 cents, exclusive of freight.

Yours Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Messrs.

Brignac & Mathews
Lafayette, La.

Jany 27th 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 27th inst. has been received.

You certainly could not guess as the information you have been called upon to furnish.

The coinage of the Trade Dollar was authorized by the Coinage Act of Feby 12 1873, which went into operation April 1. 1873. It was designed solely for the China and East India trade, and not for home circulation. It was made intrinsically worth about one cent more than the Mexican dollar to supplant the latter as a medium of exchange in oriental commerce,

and benefit the silver mining interests of our own country. It was at first a legal tender to the amount of $5. but Congress afterwards abolished its legal tender quality. They were coined at the U.S. Mints at Philadelphia, Carson, Nevada, and San Francisco, Cal. They are not now coined except by special permission of the Secretary of the Treasury; which is not granted, unless they are wanted in good faith, for foreign trade. The U.S. Standard silver dollar weighs 412½ grains, 900 fine. (that is 9/10 ths fine) A standard Mexican dollar weighs 416½ grains, 900 fine. The Trade Dollar weighs 420 grains, 900 fine. I enclose a circular and also mail you several Mint reports.

Yours Respectfully

Mr.
F. R. Becker.
Mechanicsville, Pa.

Jany. 27th 9

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 7148 to your order for Twenty two thousand Six hundred and twenty six 60/100 ($22,626.60) Silver Dollars in full for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint at $1.12½ per oz. & line

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs. J. B. Holgate & Co.
11 Hall St.
New York

Jany 27th 7

Sir.

I draw this day Check No 7148 to the order J. B. Colgate & Co for $22,626.62 in Payt for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pouch
Supt.

Hon Thos S. Hillhouse
Asst Treas U.S.
New York

Inv. 2d Ct 9

J. B. Colgate

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102. 636. 58
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112. 626. 64

Jas Powell

Jany 27 9

Gentlemen.

The 7 Omaha Bars specified in your letter of the 20th inst, have been received, but as they are unparted base bullion, they must be parted before we can use them, the charge for which will be one and a half (1½) cents per ounce. If this is not satisfactory to you, I must return the bars.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Handy & Brown
New York.

Jany 29th 9

Sir,

I report the "Bullion Fund" at the close of business on the 25th inst at $10.502.205.22 subdivided approximately as follows viz:

Gold Coin	$1.495.039.00
" Bullion	1.228.779.00
Silver Coin	2.3[illegible].[illegible]67
" Bullion	5.60[illegible].[illegible]58
Total as Above	$10.502.205.22

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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[signature]

Jany 28 9

Sir

I herewith transmit the following Memorandums of the coin value of gold bullion received from the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. by registered mail on account of the United States, Viz:

No. 117, Jany 24, 1879. $ 684.76
" 118 " " " 1354.46

Very Respectfully
Jos Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D. C.

Jany 28 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit the following Memorandums of gold bullion from your Mint, by registered mail, on account of the United States, specified in your letters of the 21st and 22d inst, respectively, viz.

No. 117. $684.76
" 118 1054.46.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

C. J. Bowles, Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Jany 28 9

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 25th inst I herewith transmit a statement furnished by the Coiner, showing from actual measurement the height of pile of twenty pieces of each denomination of coin struck at this Mint.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 28 9

Sir.

The box of ore sent by you to the Mint has been received.

The mineral is simply quartz with a film of talc and black-lead, and of no value.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr J. Hamon.
Harrison
Co Lam

Jany 28 9

Dear Sir

Your box is received. Please send five dollars, the mint charge for assaying; after which we will make the assay.

The only assay for silver and gold.

Yours truly
Jas Reynolds
Supt.

Mr H. M. Thomas
Cannon City
Fremont Co.
Colorado

Janry 28th 9

Gentlemen

Inclosed Check No. 7149 to your order for Forty five hundred and ninety eight $ 4,598 Std. Silver Dollars in full paym't for Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint c'd 1,123 per Express

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

Jany. 25th 9

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 7150 to your order for Nine thousand and twenty two $^{22}/_{100}$ (9022.^{22}) Std. Silver Dolls balance due you on Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint under Contracts 22d inst.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt.

Messrs. Wolfstil & Compnt
No. 9 Wall St.
New York

Jany 28th 7

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No 7150 to your order for Twenty Four thousand six hundred and twenty two 79/100 ($24.622.79) Dols. Silver Dollars in payment for the Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ 1.113 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Messrs. Hardy & Co.
Cashiers of Banks of New York
New York City

Jany. 28th 9

Gentlemen

I draw this day to the Bank of New York, Check No 7,558 to your order for 28.622.79 in payment for Silver Medals sold the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jos Ryan
Capt.

Messrs Hardy & Co
24 Nassau St.
New York

Jany 28th 9

Sir.

I draw this day Check No
7149 Favor J. & W. Seligman & Co. $4,578.51
7150 " Walter & Camport 9,022.82
7151 " Hardy & Cornish 24,622.79
in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Jany 28th 7

J. & W. Seligman

& Co. New York

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Jany 28th 9

Moffat & Dawson

Port, New York

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Jas Boyd

Jany 24 9

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Jany 28th 9

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Jany 29th 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 28th inst. has been received.

As we have a full supply of "Old U. S. coin" in our business we do not wish to purchase your collection.

I enclose the cards of two coin dealers in this city, as requested, with whom you can correspond.

Very Respectfully

Jas Poole

Supt

Mr

Chas. T. Derrick.

Mahanoy City

Pa

Jany 9

Sir.

I regret to report the death, on the 2nd inst, of Miss Christiana Schmitz an Assistant in the Coiners Department of this Mint, @ $1.75 per diem.

I have also to report the resignation of Park & Jeanes, Laborers, in the general department @ $2, per diem, to take effect 31st of January inst, at which time his name will be dropped from the rolls.

Very Respectfully

Yours

Jas Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq

Mint, Washington D.C.

Jany 29th 9

Sir

I herewith transmit Memorandums No. 123, $1,074.00 and No. 124, $733.00 the coin value of gold bullion from the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. by registered mail, on account of the United States.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Ryrie
Supt

R. B. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 29th 9

Sir

I herewith transmit Memorandums No. 123. $1074.25 and No. 124. — $795.25 the coin value of remittances No. 17 and 18. gold bullion, by registered mail, on Government account, specified in your letter of the 23d inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pratt
Supt

C. J. Cowles, Esq
Assayer in Charge
U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

Jany 29 9

Sir

Your letter of the 24th inst. has been received.

The U. S. Standard silver dollar weighs 412½ grains; the Standard Mexican dollar, 416½ grains; and the Spanish dollar 420 grains; and all three are 900 fine, that is they contain 900 parts of fine metal and 100 parts alloy.

The U. S. Standard silver dollar is a legal tender and therefore worth one dollar; the other two have only a bullion value, at the rate of 110 cents per ounce fine — which is the present purchasing price of silver — which

makes the Mexican dollar worth 86 cents, and the Trade Dollar 86¾ cents. The Trade Dollar was intended only for foreign commerce, and not for home circulation.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

M. S. Eskridge, Esq
Belmond
Iowa.

Jany 29 9

Sir

I herewith transmit Statement of silver purchased at this Mint, for the week ending January 25th 1879.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 29 9

Sir

The requisition of the Supt of the Mint at New Orleans, for two counting boards for standard silver dollars, with your endorsement thereon, under date of the 27th inst, directing them to be furnished, was received to day.

There must be a misapprehension somewhere, and before filling this order, it seems to be proper to state that counting boards for standard silver dollars have never been used at this Mint, and it is supposed here that they would be rather impracticable.

We always count silver dollars by hand in piles on a table with a large carpenters square of wood, guaged to the diameter of the coin, and have never used any thing else. If counting boards for 500 silver dollars are wanted of the same kind that we use for minor coins, and quarter dollars, then it would require a board 8 feet 8 in long by 2 feet 8 in wide, too large, and, with the metal, too heavy, to be conveniently handled. But if required, I will at once have them made; but before doing so, would it not be well for to refer these facts to the Supt of the N. O. Mint and await his reply. Very Respectfully

R. G. Preston, Jr.
Acting Director Mint.

Jno Pollock Cash

Jany 30 9

Sir.

I have this morning received your letter of the 29th inst. announcing the purchase of 400,000 ounces fine silver from Messrs Harris & Bronies, and Jas B. Colgate & Co. @ 110.18 ¢ per ounce, and directing the mode of payment, which will be observed. Some of the silver has already arrived.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 30 9

Sir,

I herewith transmit statement of the Melter & Refiners Bullion operations and gold and silver melting for the month of December, 1875.

You will observe that not a single gold or silver melt was condemned.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 30 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 28th inst, has been received.

All I can do with your 1822 mutilated silver coins will be to receive them as a purchase, the same as any other, and after melting and assay, send you the net value in standard silver dollars, by express. You would lose from 15 to 25 per cent by the operation. I await your instructions.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pugh

Supt

N. P. Clark, P.M.
Auburn. N.Y.

Jany 30 9

Sir

Your letter of the 27th inst has been received.

I find upon investigation that your bag of coins arrived here in good order, and was delivered to the Mint in like good order. The Weigh Master says there must have been a mistake of about 100 dollars at your end of the line, for that is the difference between what the lot actually weighed and what it should have weighed, if there had been 950 Mexican dollars, as you say there was no mistake here.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Eckfeldt

Mint

Geo. L. Harrington, Esq.
Wathena, Ill.

Jany 30th 7

Gentlemen

Inclose Chck No 1152 to your order for Twenty thousand two hundred and Twenty five 17/ ($20.225.17) Std Silver Dollars Sayd for 9/10 Silver Sold the Acg Director of the Mint @ $1.11 3/4 per Oz. fine.

18.216.68 fine Oz @ $20.225.17
Paid on ac. (Ck 1151) 16.000.
4.225.17
Paid on ac. Ship'g
29th inst, Ck 1152, 16.000.
Total, (Ck 1156) $20.225.17

Very Respectfully
Joe Burrill
Supt.

Messrs Hardy & Co
Cash Bank of New York
New York

Jany 30th 9

Gentlemen.

I transmit this day Check No. 6152 to the Bank of New York, drawn to your order for $20.275.77 Credit for a/c. Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pollard
Supt.

Messrs Handy & Crowell
24 Nassau St.
New York

Jany 30th 1

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 7153 to your order for Fourteen thousand eight hundred and four £ (14,804 £) Std. Silver Dollars in full payment for Silver Bullion delivered under Contract 15th inst.

Very Respectfully

Jos Pell

Supt.

Messrs Howard Crosby
Cashr of Bank of New York
New York

Jany 30th 1

Gentlemen.

I have sent this day to the Bank of New York, Check No. 7153 to your order for $14.80 72/100 in payt. for Schus & Bulletin.

Very Respectfully

Jos Beach

Supt

Messrs Handy & Conkle
24 Nassau St.
New York

Jany 30th 9

Sir

I draw this day Check
No. 7152 for $20.257.10 and
" 7153 " " 14.804.72
both in favor Handy & Crane &c in
payment for Tobacco & Supplies

Very Respectfully
Yours
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon Thos Stillwell &c
Asst Treas U.S.
New York

January 31 9

Sir.

I hasten to enclose my requisition for the sum of $32,000. for the support of this Mint during the month of February, proximo, out of the following appropriations

Salaries	$3,000.
Wages	23,000.
Incidentals	6,000.

and must ask you to mark it "Special", and urge an early remittance of the draft, for the reason that I have been obliged to suspend the payment of bills because I have but a very small sum on hand applicable to that purpose, and cannot resume until I

am placed in funds.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pugh
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 21. 1879

The following report by the Assayer of the N.Y. Assay Office, of the assay of test coins issued at this Mint in January, has been handed to the Assayer, Coiner, and Melter & Refiner.

Denomination		Weight		Fineness	
		grs.	Dec	Gold.	Silver
Double	Eagle	515.	9	899.9	4
1/4	do	64.	52	899.8	4
1/4	do	64.	52	899.8	4
1/4	do	64.	5	899.9	4
1/4	do	64.	56	899.9	3
Silver	Dollar	411.	32	1	899.5
"	"	411.	9	1	900.8
"	"	411.	69	"	899.5
"	"	411.	68	"	900.1
"	"	411.	4	"	899.6

James Pollock
Supt

June 21 9

Sir

The bank buys Mexican dollars or bullion, by weight, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in Mexican or Chilean dollars, at the rate of 1.9 cents per ounce. As there is a Mexican dollar is worth about 103 cents, excluding the coinage charges, which are paid by the depositor.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

Mr
J. P. Kinsel
N. Y. Tem.

Jany 81

Sir

Your letter of the 28th inst has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican and Trade dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver the contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce. At this price a Mexican dollar is worth about 86 1/4 cents, and a Trade Dollar about 86 cents, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bonney

Supt

S. A. Riley, Esq
Litchfield, Ky

Jany 31 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 27th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce. At this price a Mexican dollar is about 80¼ cents, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr.
W. A. Strouch,
Salina, Kan.

Jany 31. 9

Sir.

I herewith forward the official oath of James B. Pollock, Assistant, general department of this Mint

Very Respectfully
Jno Pearce
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 31st

Gentlemen,

Inclosed Check No. 7155 for Twenty Six thousand five hundred and Sixty & 71 Hundredth Dollars and Check No. 7156 for Twenty five thousand Hundred Silver Dollars to your order in payment on the Silver Bullion sold the Agt. Director of the Mint under contracts 22d & 27th inst.

Very Respectfully
Yours
[illegible]
Treas.

Messrs Stanton Greene
Cashr of Bank of New York
New York City

Jany 31st 7

Gentlemen

I have Omit this day to the Bank of New York Checks No. 7155 to your order for $26,560.99
" 7156 do. 24,000
in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jno Ramsay
Supt

Messrs Handy & Crenshe
24 Nassau St.
New York

Jany 31st 7

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No 715 to your order for Two hundred thousand dollars (200,000) Std Silver Dollars, payment on the Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint 1,000 fine.

Very Respectfully,

[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs J. B. Colgate & Co
47 Hanover St.
New York

Jany 31st 9

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No 658 to your order for Thirteen Thousand ($13,000) Std. Silver Dollars part on ye. Silver Bullion sold the Act Director of the Mint @ $1.0290 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Preston

Supt.

Messrs. Laidlaw & Co.
12 Pine St.
New York

Jany 31st 7

Sir,

I draw this day the following Drafts, viz

No 7155 Jacob Harvey & Comin for $26,510.99
7156 " Same " 24,000.
7157 " J B Colgate & Co " 200,000.
7158 " Sandlow & Co " 12,000.

all for Silver Dollar purchases. I enclose Cancelled Check No 7151

Very Respectfully
Jos Pacey
Supt

Hon Thos H Hillhouse
Asst Treas U S
New York.

San Fr 31 9

Sir

Enclosed I forward Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for month ending January 31st 1879, with copy of a communication from the Coiner explaining the reason why a larger number of Standard Silver dollars were not coined.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 31 9

Sir.

There is less than $1,000 in standard silver dollars in the hands of the Assist Treasurer U.S. at New York subject to my check in payment for silver purchased for the Government. Silver bullion is accumulating on my hands, on account of such purchases, and an immediate transfer of standard silver dollars to my New York bullion fund is necessary to enable me to continue payments as they become due.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint

Jany 31st 9

Handy & Conville

New York

15th inst 9

200.744.39

200.225.76

220.008.06

	$ 0.88
Value of Silver	$220 008.06
Charges	156.56
	219 851.50
Gold Parties	814.77
	$220.666.27

Jas Pirie

Jany 31 9

Sir,

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the moneys in the hands of the Teasurer of the Mint, with the following result

Gold	$4.686.592.98
Silver	1.967.921.60
Refining & Parting gold	145.76
Ordinary gold regulus	2.522.90
Minor coinage gold	97.918.58
" bond & changed	5.456.67
" " Reissued	41.682.00
" coinage Redemption	281.770.59
Total	$3.794.008.11,

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pollock
Supt

R. S. Meeton, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Jany 31st 9

Sir

I report the "Assorting Fund" at the close of business this day at $10,354,427.64 but divided approximately as follows viz.

Gold Coin	$1,690,791.50
" Bullion	835,208.79
Silver Coin	1,964,408.42
" Bullion	5,864,028.93
Total as above	$10,354,427.64

Very Respectfully

Jas. Boyle

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

at Philada Jany 21st 79

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		85520379
	Bal d/c	1962403 42
		586K 02893
		10357447 6K

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578780 —	1176625
303795 —	358778 44
228708 —	1798 572 —
227670 —	
6078 —	
93500	1070340
Bal d/c with O. Hub & Chas. Does	95533
1690,71150	1962403 42

Jas. Rush

Feby 1st 9

Gentlemen.

I enclose Memorandums of your Sales & Auction containing gold, giving the finenes thereof. The omission was a clerical inadvertence. Please return the Memorandums in your possession.

Very Respectfully
Yours
Jas Boyd
Supt.

Messrs Hanly & Crombie
Cor of Bank of New York

Feby 1 9

Sir.

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor, as Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500) out of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion to meet expenses of the Refinery during the present month, February.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Ryerss
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 1 . 9

Sir.

Your letter of Jany 31, has been received.

Gold, 1,000 fine, is worth $20.67 per ounce, in U. S. gold coin.

Silver, 1,000 fine, is now worth 109 cents per ounce, in standard silver dollars, but the price of silver fluctuates from time to time, with the quotations on the London bullion market.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr. M. Green, Esq.
Washington
DC

Feby 1 9

Sir

Your letter of January 28th, has been received.

The Mint does not coin silver for private parties, but buys silver if delivered at the Mint, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver contained, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce, in standard silver dollars, only.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
James H. Coffey
South Boston
Mass.

Feby 1 9

Miss Ida A. Meyer.
Jefferson, Wis.

Your letter of Jany 28th has been received.

The U. S. Eagle one cent coins of 1857 and 1858, are worth one cent each, and no more; and never were worth any more, nor is there any reason why they should be, as they have no greater intrinsic value.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Feby 1 9

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward Synopsis of Engineer's Log of this Mint, for the month ending January 31st 1879.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pearce
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 1st 9

Sir

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 5.928.700.00 Ounces with an additional amount of say 20.000 Ounces assayed, not assayed.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pitcairn
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington

Feby 1 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 29th of Jany has been received.

The Mint has no price list of old coins. Your application should be made to coin dealers. The eagle cents of 1857 and 1858 are worth one cent each and no more. I inclose some Mint circulars.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
B. H. Hayes.
Waynesville
Ohio

Feby 1 9

Sir.

I herewith forward coiners Weekly Report of coinage executed at this Mint for week ending Jany 1. 1879.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Treby
Jany 30th 9

Sir

Your letter of the 31st of Jany has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 103 cents per ounce fine. At this price a Mexican dollar is worth about 85¾ cents, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor. No deposits less than $100, received.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Dir

Mr. W. W. Jenkins.
Charlotte
N.C.

Feby 3 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 29th of Jany has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assaying, pays for the fine silver they contain, in American silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this price a Mexican dollar is worth about 85½ cents, exclusive of freight which is paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100 is received.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. Geo. M. Street.
Rienzi, Miss.

Feby 9

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward,

1. Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged during the month of January 1874.

2. For the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage operations during the same month.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pawsey

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Telegram

Feby 3. 1879

To.
Asst Treas U. S.
New York

Have you received transfer of funds to my credit for Purchase Silver Bullion? If so, please telegraph early to day the number of receipt, transfer order and amount.

J. A. Bowers
Supt Mint

Feby 3 9

Sir

The silver $ & pieces enclosed in your letter of the 1st inst. and herewith returned, is genuine, a little worn, and has been cleaned up.

The resumption of specie payments has brought into circulation many of these coins of previous years.

There is no provision of law for the recumption of silver $ and $ pieces.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. E. L. Frothingham, P.M.
Montrose
Pa

Feby 3 9

Sir.

The time being near at hand for the meeting at this Mint, of the Commissioners to make the Annual assay of the reserved Gold and Silver coins of the United States of the various years, I write to ask if I shall make the usual arrangements for that occasion?

As you are aware much of the regular operations of the Mint are suspended at that time and some material changes are necessary in the arrangement of several of our rooms and their furniture, to enable the Commissioners to profitably

discharge their delicate and important duties; and that special provision is always made for their dinner during the two or three days that they are in session. Shall the dinner be prepared in the usual way?

Since the passage of the coinage Act, I always await instructions from the Director's office before taking any steps in the matter, and should have early notice now so as to be ready when the time comes.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pugh
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington, D.C.

Feby 9 9

Sir,

Referring to your letters of the 16th ult. and 1st of January ultimo, I send you to day by the Adams Express Co, as per the enclosed duplicate receipt, three specimens metric "double eagle" pieces, for the Committee on Coinage, prepared and treated in exact accordance with the directions given in your letters, and Hon. Alex. H. Stephens letter of Jany 13th, and Dr. Dubtells specifications of January 20th herewith returned. I herewith enclose for payment the Caviens bill for $62. the value of the metal contained in them.

When these pieces have served their intended purpose, the inspection of the Committee on Coinage, I respectfully suggest that they should be returned to your office, or to this Mint. I think you will agree with me that for obvious reasons such experimental pieces should not be suffered to go into private hands.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 8 9

Sir.

Remittance of Gold Bullion from your Office No. 19. on Government account, specified in your letter of January 31st ult. has been received to day.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Jay Knox
Supt

C. J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N. C.

Feby
~~Jany~~ 13 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit for the Secretary of the Treasury a B/E. No. 4097 on account of Parting, Refining and Bar Charges.

Very Respectfully
J. R. Snowden
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 8 9

Sir.

The cross marked on the quarter dollar of 1876, described in your letter of January 8 ult was not put on at the Mint; and it need scarcely add forms no part of the designs on our regular coinage.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Guth
Supt

Edwin S. Woodman, Esq
Barrabo
Mis

Feby 3rd 7

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 7159 to your order for Forty nine thousand three hundred and fifty four 42 (49.354.42) Std Silver Dollars in full for Silver Bullion Sold @ $1.113 and on Va @ $1.108 per oz. fine

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Conde
Care of
Bank of New York

Feby 3d 7

Gentlemen

I have sent this day to the Bank of New York Check No. 7159 to your order for $149.354.12 in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jno Ryal
Supt

Messrs Handy & Crouse
24 Nassau St.
New York

Feby 3d 7

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 7159 to the order of Handy & Francis for $149.35 4/12 in payt for Select Pueblos.

Very Respy
Jas Ewing
Supt.

Hon Thos Stillman
Asst Treas U.S.
New York.

Stebing 3rd 7

Handy & Conide

New York

25 Cents 7

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Feby 14th 9

Statement of the Melter & Refiner's Minor Coinage Metal Alloy &c. for the 4th quarter 1878.

1878.		Ozs.	$
Oct. 1.	Balance.	29.012.01	318.48
Dec. 31.	Copper purchased	363.583.33	3991.28
	Total	392.595.33	4.299.76
	Coppel used	275.928.66	3021.97
	Balance	116.666.67	1.277.79

Superintendent

Telegram

Feby 4. 1879

Acting Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Three metric double eagles were forwarded to you by Express yesterday.

Jas Pollock
Supt Mint

Feby 4 9

Sir.

Referring to your letter (D. W. H.) of January 27th. I herewith transmit C. S. No. 1977 for $9.97 the bullion value of $12.21 in mutilated silver pieces specified in your letter. I also enclose Memorandum of the same No. 46.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Dewey
Supt

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Feb 24th 9

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting and recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Eight Thousand & Eight Hundred ($8800) Dollars in 2¢ Bronze Coin, as per the following authority, viz:

Letter & Telegram of the	Director	April 24th	1873
Do	Do	Jany 23rd	1874
Do	Secretary of the Treasury	Oct. 29th	1874
Do	Director	Dec. 11th	1878
Do	Do	May 29th	1878

Jos Powell
Supt.

Feby 4th 9

Sir

I hand you herewith my a/cs "Ordinary" & "Refinery" Expenses for the Month of January 1879.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Polisch

Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director Dept Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feb 24 9

Sir.

I have increased the compensation of Samuel B. Brewster, Workman in the Navy Department, of this city, from $2, to $2.50 per diem, the increase to date from January 1. 1879. This increase was entered on the rolls, and he has been paid at that rate for the month of January, but I discover, to my regret, that so far as our records show, it was not reported to your office; and I now submit the case for your approval "nunc pro tunc;" Mr Brewster has been faithful and efficient in the discharge of his duties, and has faithfully

this increased compensation, and I hope it will be agreeable to you to confirm my action in his case.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Barnes

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 4 9

Gentlemen,

Memorandum of Gold Bullion No. 120, enclosed in Mr. Jas. N. Shepherd's letter to you of the 1st inst, and referred to me, was received this morning, and is herewith returned. The bullion in question was carefully assayed twice, and the results, as stated in the Memorandum, are correct.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pleasants
Supt

Messrs.
J. & L. N. Gordon
Richmond
Va

Feby 4 9

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 31st of January, ult, I had your ~~$ old~~ in mutilated silver coin melted and assayed, and I herewith enclose the net value, in currency $7, and will thank you for a special acknowledgement of its receipt, as my voucher.

Weight before melting 6.20 ozs
" after " 6.08 ozs
Fineness 891, Value $7.00. in subsidiary silver coin.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Reed
Supt

N. P. Clark P.M.
Auburn. N.Y.

Feby 4th 9

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for Eight thousand, eight hundred ($8,800.00) Dollars to reimburse you for a like amount withdrawn from your Redemption Fund for Re-coinage.

Very Respectfully
Jno Pollock
Supt.

Hon James Gilfillan
Treas U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Filey 11th 9

Ludlam & Co.

New York

22nd inst 9

110.013.71

3.977.59

1.109 114.330.71

Jas Rowe

Entry 11th ?

J. B. Colgate

& Co. New York

29th inst ?

20.765.55

200.896.18

1.000

221.317.11

Jas. Powell

Febry 11th 9

Sir

I draw this day Check No.
7160 Favor J B Colgate & Co for $21.347.41
7161 " Handy & Co " 25.538.48
7162 " Laidlaw & Co " 31.330.71
in payt for Silver Bullion

Very Respectfully
Jas Ryan
Supt

Hon. Thos. A. Hendricks
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Phila. 14th 9

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 706 to your order for Twenty one thousand three hundred forty three dlls 21,343 43 Cts. Silver Dollars, balance due on Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint 1st inst. per Express

Very respectfully
Jas Ryon
Supt

Messrs J. B. Colgate & Co
112 Wall St.
New York.

Phila. 11th 7

Gentlemen

I enclose Your Check No 7161 to your order for Twenty Five thousand five hundred thirty eight 11/100 ($25,538.11) Std Silver Dollars for 412 Silver Bullion sold the Act. Director of the Mint 7 1/2 per oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Messrs Handy & Conde
Care of
Bank of New York

Philg 11th 9

Gentlemen

I have Omit this day to the Bank of New York, Check No. 7061 to your order for $25.531.00 in payt for Silver Bullion

Very Respectfully
Yours
Supt.

Messrs Hancock & Cuvier
24 Nassau Str
New York

Feby 14th 9

Gentlemen,

I encl. Gs Check No. 7162 to your order for Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty ⅞ ($31.330 ⅞) Twenty Dollars, balance due on Silver Bullion sold the Adg Director @ $1.109 per Oz. fine.

Very Respy
Jas Blair
Supt.

Messrs. Laidlaw & Co.
12 Pine St. New York.

Feby 4 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 28th of Jany was duly received.

Do you recollect what kind of a seal was on the bag of nickels in question when it reached you. There was no error here, but if the seal was broken en route, and another substituted, the responsibility for an shortage would rest with the Express Co, but if the Philadelphia seal reached you unbroken, there must have been an error in your own count. Our counting boards are mechanically and mathematically correct. Very Respectfully

Jos Purcell
Cashr

A. P. Browne Esq. Cashr
Independence Iowa

Feby 7 9

Sir

I will thank you to copy and sign the inclosed form on a half sheet of ~~letter~~ paper, and send it to me, to be placed on file in the regular correspondence of the Mint, as my official voucher in the transaction. The bond receipt you sent, I will keep as a duplicate amongst my private papers.

Very Respectfully

Jas Guthrie

Supt

N. B. Thompson, Esq

Barron

Md

Feby 4 9

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 17th of January ult, I herewith transmit for the Swiss Government through our Department of State, a small package of samples of our minor coins, in their successive stages, from the planchet to the completed coin.

I also enclose a communication on the subject from the Coiner and one from the Melter & Refiner. We had no new coins and were obliged to have some struck for the occasion. hence the delay in replying to your letter.

The letter of Asst Secretary Seward is herewith returned, as requested.

Yours Respectfully
Jno Rush
Supt

R. S. Weston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 5 9

Sir

Your letter of the 2d inst. is at hand.

No such medal as you mention is furnished by the Mint, as you will see by the enclosed price list, and no money was enclosed in your letter for a sample, as you state.

By applying to J. H. Diehl & Co. 720 Chestnut St. this city, manufacturers of medals, they may be able to suit you in the way of procuring them.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

W. P. Cook, Esq
Cleveland
Ohio

Feby 5 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 3d inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay pays for the fine silver they contain in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85 1/4 cents, exclusive of freight, which is paid by the depositor. There is a very slight difference between Mexican dollars of different issues, in value. No deposits of less value than $100 received.

Very Respectfully

Yours

Mr.

Dan'l E. Hayden.

Syracuse N.Y.

Jany 5 9

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Statement of Silver Purchased at this Mint for week ending Feb 1. 1879.

Very Respectfully
J. P. Dusek
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 5 9

Gentlemen,

Yours of the 4th inst. received.

We make no charge for melting or assaying Mexican silver dollars, when shipped to the Mint as bullion on account of sales of silver to the U. S. Government.

Very Respectfully
J. M. Ellicott
Supt.

Messrs.
J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York

Feby 6 9

Sir

Yours of the 8th inst is at hand.

The Mint buys Trade Dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Trade Dollar is worth about 86¢ exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100 is received.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Mr. W. H. Hart
Frankfort
Ind

Feby 6 9

Sir.

Yours of the 5th inst. is at hand.

The Mint buys Trade Dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assaying for the fine silver they contain in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Trade Dollar is worth about 86¢, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100, is received.

Mexican dollars are bought in the same manner.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr. Wm. C. Carroll.
Charlestown
Va.

Feby 6th 9

Gentlemen

I have your's of yesterday informing me that the box containing $996 Silver Coin received by you from this Mint cannot be accounted for, you having no advices of the same.

I forwarded this Coin to you, under the instructions of the Treasurer of the U.S. dated Jany. 31st, and will communicate the fact to the Treasurer that it is not for your Acct. Meanwhile I will thank you to hold it subject to future orders from me.

Please accept my thanks for your attention.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock Supt.

Importers and Traders Nat'l Bank New York.

Jefferson Co.

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Sir.

Under the authority of Department Letter No. 625, July 31st 1869, I forwarded to the Importers & Traders Nat. Bank, New York $996 in Silver Coin, and am this day in receipt of a letter from said Bank inquiring on what it is sent them, they having had no advices concerning it. Will you please look the matter up and advise me of the result.

Very Respectfully

J. [illegible]

Supt

Hon. Jas. Pelfillan
Sec. Treas.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 6 9

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 5th inst, informing me that it will be necessary to coin at this Mint during the current month, from 850,000 to 900,000, standard silver dollars.

This is a short month, and we shall lose in the adjusting room, three working days by the Annual Assay, but the required amount of coinage will be executed, unless unforeseen hindrances should prevent.

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jno Pollock
Supt

Feby 6 9

Sir

Your letter of the 4th inst, has been received.

I do not know the market value of the coins you name. You should enquire of coin dealers. I have not seen the advertisement you speak of.

Very Respectfully
Jos Ferrier
Supt

T. H. Bracken, Esq
Beaver Falls.
Pa

Feby 6 9

Sir

Your letter of the 5th inst. informing me of the purchase for delivery at this Mint of 100,000 ounces fine silver, from Denny & Bronnise, at the rate of 109.78 cents per ounce fine, and directing the mode of payment, has been received.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obedt
Sert

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 6 79

Sir

I herewith transmit the following Memorandums of the coin value of Gold Bullion received by registered mail on account of the United States, from the U. S. Mint at Denver, and the Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. respectively, viz.

No. 161. Denver, Feby 1/79 $9,121.80
" 167 Charlotte Feby 5/79 986.10

Very Respectfully
Jno Rudy
Supt

R. S. Rheem Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D. C.

Feby 6 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 161, $9,121.20 the coin value of 10 packages Gold Bullion on Government account, #16 to 24 inclusive, specified in your letter and schedule of 27th of January ultimo.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Sec'y

H. Silver, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Feby 6 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 167, $986.10. the coin value of remittance No. 19. gold bullion by registered mail, on Government account, specified in your letter of 31 January ultimo.

Very Respectfully
H. Deech
Supt

C. J. Cowles, Esq
Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte. N. C.

Feby 6 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit Report of the Melter & Refiner of the number of tons of anthracite coal used in his department during the month of Feby 1879.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. B. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Philadelphia 6th 9

Gentlemen,

I hand you herewith check No 7165 of Seventy thousand (70,000) Standard Silver Dollars, drawn to your order in payment of the Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint (@ $1.018 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock
Director

Messrs Hardy & Co
Bankers, The Bank of N.Y.
New York

Feby 18 9

Gentlemen

I forward you this day, our check No 7163 for [illegible] Dollars in [illegible] Silver Dollars in payment of [illegible]

Very Respectfully

[illegible] Treas

Messrs [illegible] Commissioners
[illegible]

Feby 6th 9

Sir,

I draw on you this day check No. 1,063 - favor Mesrs. Hendey & Cromie, for Seventy thousand (70,000) Stk. Silver Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Polock
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Tr. U.S.
New York.

Feby 6 9

Sir

In your letter to me of 19th December 1878, transmitting a copy of Regulations for the purchase of Gold Bullion at the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, and the transfer of the same to this Mint by Express, for coinage on account of the United States, you advise me that "The Express charges at the rate of $21. per $1.000. will be paid at your (this) Mint, from the bullion when received."

The first shipment of bullion from Helena, arrived by Express this day, value $35145 on which Mr Geo. L. Thompson, Mint Supt of the Assay

Express Co. demands the sum of $21. Express charges, on the ground that under his instructions from the Adams Express Co, based upon the contract of that Co. with the Treasury Department, dated January 11. 1868, and approved by Secretary Boutwell May 28. 1872, the compensation of said company on "all sums less than one thousand dollars, shall be paid for as one thousand dollars." This conflicts with your directions to pay at the rate of $2. per $1,000. and I refer the question to you for adjudication.

I enclose for your information, a letter to me from Mr. Thompson, giving his side of the case, and a copy of the clause of the contract to which he

refers.

Very Respectfully
J. S. Pugh
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feb. 6 9

Sir

The three bars of gold bullion No.s 851, 852, and 853, from your office by Express, on account of the United States, specified in your letter of the 25th of January, ult., have been received to-day.

At my request, the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, forwarded to you, some short time ago (or so as he would) a specimen of the printed schedules used by him for this purpose, (and which he has printed at Denver) as a form for your use in getting up your own blanks. If you received that form you can provide

have some printed at Helena for your use, on half-sheets of letter paper, if your shipments are not to be large. But if you have no funds or authority for this purpose, you will please advise me, and I will endeavor to have you supplied from the East.

Whether the schedule be printed or written, it should be enclosed in a separate letter of transmission; the schedule to be deposited in the office of my weigh clerk, and the letter filed in my office with the general correspondence. The letter should give the numbers of the bars, and the aggregate weight in ounces, and the total stamped value, for commandment reference.

Yours

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pierce
Supt

Russell B. Harrison, Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

Feby 7 9

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 4th inst has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85 1/4 cents, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100, received.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs.
Fisher Bro & Co.
St Louis. Mo.

Feby 7 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 4th inst. has been received.

The Mint will purchase the silver bar you speak of, when delivered at the Mint, on the terms of the enclosed circular, and not otherwise, and after melting and assay, pay for the fine silver contained in it, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce; you paying freight both ways. The Mint does not coin silver for private depositors, but only for the U. S. Government. Our purchasing price for silver has advanced 1/2¢ per oz. since Mr. Baker wrote you.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pulitzer

J. W. Cochran, Esq
Lexington, Ky.

February 7th 9

Gentlemen.

I hand you herewith check No 7164 - for Twenty three thousand (23,000) Standard Silver Dollars - drawn to your order in payment of a Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.018 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

Jno. C. Brock
Supt

Messrs Hardy & Co
Care The Bank of N.Y.
New York

Feby 7th 9

Gentlemen,

I forward you this day, care "The Bank of Md." Check No. 7164 for $23.000.00 Sd Silver Dollars drawn to your order in payt on the Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ 1.10 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Roach

Contr

Messrs Moseley & Crowell
24 Nassau St.
New York

Philad. 7th 9

Sir:

I draw on you this day check No. 1164 for $23,000.00 Sixty Silver dollars favor Messrs Handy & Crowell, in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Tr. U.S.
N.Y.

Feby 7 9

Sir.

Your requisition of the 4th inst. for Melters & Refiners and Assayers supplies for the Mint of the U.S. at New Orleans, was duly received. Orders have been issued for the same to proper parties, and they will be forwarded as directed, as soon as may be practicable.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
DC

Feby 7 9

Sir,

I herewith forward Statements of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited, Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion, and Bars manufactured during the month of January 1879.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Rudy
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 7 9

Sir.

The supply of printed blanks, by mail, specified in your letter of the 28 inst, were duly received.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington

DC

Feby 7 9

Sir:

I herewith transmit for payment, bill in duplicate, of A. Reutlinger, Philadelphia, $54.50, for bar stamps for the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans, called for in your requisition of 23 Dec. 1878.

Also, bill in duplicate of Horatio G. Stern, Philadelphia, $18. for assay shears, forceps and scissors, for the same Mint, under Assayer Albrecht's requisition of Feby 1. enclosed to me in your letter of the 4th inst.

The articles embraced in these two bills, have to day been forwarded to the New Orleans Mint, by the Adams

Express Co, as per inclosed receipt.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pirrie
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 8 9

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85¼ cents, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor. No deposits of less value than $100 received.

Yours Respectfully

J. P. Jones

Supt

Mr.
J. G. Jones,
Baldwyn. Miss.

Feby 8 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 7th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Trade Dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Trade Dollar is worth about 86 3/4 cents, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor.

Very Respectfully

J. Ferrell

Supt

Mr.
James M. Gossler, Teller.
Lebanon
Pa

Feby 8 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 6th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine, in standard silver dollars. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 86¼ cents, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100. received.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
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Supt

Mr J. J. Coils.
Mt Horeb. Tenn.

Feby 8 9

Sir

I herewith forward herein Weekly Report of coinage executed at this Mint for week ending Feby 8. 1879.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pusey
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Telegram

Feby 8. 1879

Hawley & Cromie
24 Nassau St
New York

Cannot to day. Will try and give result on Monday.

Jas Bush
Supt.

Feby 8th 9

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 165 to your order for Twelve thousand (12,000) Std. Silver Dolls payble for the Silver Bullion sold the Asst Director of the Mint on 1st inst. per oz fine.

If you deliver the 100,000 ozs entire within the next 10 days we will, if your Silver is of the proper quality, endeavor to close your a/c by the 22d inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pooley
Supt

Messrs.
Hoadley & Comstock
Corner of Pearl & New Sts.

Troy 8th 7

Gentlemen,

I forward this day to the Bank of New York, Check No. 7065 to your order for $12,000 — for the Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully

Jas Bell
Supt.

Messrs Hardy & Ennis &c
24 Nassau St.
New York

City Pt. 9

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 7165 to the order of Handy & Lanier for $12,000, in payment for Schr Burline.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pearce
Supt.

Hon. Chas. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

Feby 8 9

Sir

The 3 packages gold bullion Nos. 25 to 27 by registered mail on Government account, specified in your letter and schedule of the 3d inst. have been received to day.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pugh
Capt

Jas. Silver Esq
Assayer in charge
U. S. Mint
Denver
Col

Philadelphia 8th 9

Sir,

The approximate amount of silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 10,116.66.6 Standard Ounces, with an additional amount of say 1140.092 Gross ounces non-assayed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 10th 9

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing a drawing of a U.S. cent of 1794, has been received.

Cents, such as you described, were coined by the U.S. Mint in 1794.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pearce
Supt

S. H. Watenbaugh
Print Breeze
Pittsburgh
Pa

Feby 10 9

Sir.

In reply to your inquiry of the 8th inst, I have to state that copper canisters, such as are used in this Mint, are manufactured in this city by Messrs Joseph Cabb & Son, No. 232 & 234 Pearry Street, and Messrs, Geo. Meger & Sons, No. 317 Branch Street.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pleasants Jr

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 10 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 6th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85¼ cents, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor. No deposits of less value than $100 are received.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. Thos. L. Parks, Esq.
Danville, Ill.

July 10 9

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 6th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican and Trade Dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85 7/8 cents, and a Trade dollar about 85 7/8 cents, exclusive of freight which is paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100, received.

Very Respectfully

Yours &c

Thos. Fraser

Director Mint.

Fort Gaines, Ga.

Feby 10 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 9th inst. has been received.

We have not been able to keep a supply of 10 pieces on hand, and only coin them by special permission of the Secretary of the Treasury, in small amounts from time to time, as we can, under the heavy and continuous pressure for silver coinage for the Government, which takes precedence. Registrations for 10 pieces are filled in the order in which they are received, and I think, upon examining the register that your order will be reached, and the coins forwarded to you, tomorrow.

Respt

Yours Respectfully
Jos. Bowly
Supt

Mr.
Victor F. Lawson.
Chicago.
Ill

Feby 10 9

Sir.

I am instructed by the Acting Director of the Mint, at Washington, to inform you that your bill of $57.50 for bar stamps purchased for the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, has been approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, and in due course of business a Treasury draft will be forwarded to you by mail for the amount.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr
H. L. Reutlinger
4th & Arch St.
Phila.

Feby 15 9

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst. has been received

The book which answers your description is "Dye's Coin Cyclopedia of the Governments of the World", now going through the press, containing over 2000 perfect facsimile engravings of the present circulating coins of all nations, Published by John S. Dye, No. 1338 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Price $5.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Ruwly
Supt

Mr.
Wm. Robertson.
Omaha, Neb.

Feby 10 9

Sir

I am instructed by the Acting Director of the Mint at Washington, to inform you that your bill $1.8. for shears &c purchased for the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a Treasury draft will be forwarded to you by mail for the amount.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr
Horatio G. Hard
No. 21 N. 6th St
Phila

Feby 18 [illegible]

Sir,

Your letter of the 6th inst. has been received.

The 2½ gallons you sent to the mill was charged, on your account, ten months ago. We have gone on the mill, and have not sufficient to pay the refund of the money, but in the case we will make no further claim.

Our Doctor thinks the medicine referred to here, but you may not have received the letter.

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

Mr

Mr L. Harrison

Morgantown

Ky

Feby 10th 9

Sir,

I report the Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 8th inst at $10.668.240.70 subdivided approximately as follows, viz:

Gold Coin	$1.566.498.00
" Bullion	911.284.20
Silver Coin	2.286.258.80
" Bullion	5.904.199.70
Total as above	$10.668.240.70

Very Respectfully

J. H. Reynolds
Supt

B. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington.

D.C.

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Feby. 10th 9

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No 7066 to your Order for Twelve thousand (12,000) Dollars for the Silver Bullion sold the Asst. Director of the Mint on 1.07 per oz. fine.

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pratt
Supt

Messrs Hanway & Sons
Care of Bank of New York
New York

P.S. I cannot give results of St. Louis Bars to day as I expected, but hope that tomorrow I shall be able to close the balance of that sale. Will do the best for you.

Feby 10th 9

Gentlemen

I transmit this day to the Bank of New York, Chec No. 7066 to your order for $12000 for 9/10 Silver Bullion.

Very Resp'y
Jas. Pyne
Supt.

Messrs Haney & Comide
24 Nassau St.
New York

Aug 10th 9

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 766 in the Order of Handy & Comise for $12,000. in payt for ofs. Silver Bullion

Very Respectfully
Jos Pollock
Supt.

Hon Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

Feby 11

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in Eastern and silver dollars at the rate of 109 cents per oncé fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85¼ cents, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100 received. The Express Co. will take charge of your deposit and return the proceeds to you. Very respectfully

Your obt. svt.

Geo. N. Lieb

Supt. Mint.

Feby 11th 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 6th inst, has been received

The Mint buys Mexican and Trade dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 100 cent per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85 4/4 cents, and a Trade dollar about 85 3/4 cents, the value being subject to the price of silver, which is constantly fluctuating. The express charges are paid by the depositor.

Very respectfully

Jno. H. Millard
Supt

Mr. J. D. Miller
Pueblo. Col.

Feby 11 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit statements of the Coiners Gold and Silver Workings for the months of December 1878, and January 1879.

Also, an amended statement of the Coiners Gold Workings for the months of October 1878, to take the place of an erroneous statement for that month heretofore forwarded.

The Coiner is out of blanks for these statements, and needs a further supply.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint

Feby 11 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received.

There are in the Mint cabinet a few specimens of the "Bills of Credit" issued in the earlier periods of our country's history. They are not scarce and can be procured of coin dealers.

Very Respectfully
J. R. Pearl
Supt

Prof.
A. Ballard,
Easton
Pa

Feby 11 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit for your information a copy of a communication I received this morning from Mr Lovejoy, resident Supt in this City, of the Adams Express Co, relative to freight charges on gold bullion, for account of the United States, from the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana.

Very Respectfully
J.W. Huych
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington, D.C.

Feby 11th 9

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 706 to your Order for Twenty eight thousand and fifty four (28.054) Stg. Silver Dolls. in full payment for Silver Bullion sold the Actg. Director of the Mint $1.00 per Oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ellwell
Treas.

Messrs Handy & Conde
Cors of
Bank of New York

Feby 11th 9

Gentlemen:

I have Remitted this day to the Bank of New York Check No 716 to your order for $28.057 84 in payt. for Silver Bullion

Very Respectfully
Jas. Brown
Supt.

Messrs Handy & Crowe
24 Nassau St.
New York